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This research aimed to determine the effect of coffee peel type and variation of SCOBY concentration on total phenol, total titrated acid, total dissolved solid, pH and total plate count of cascara kombucha. This research was conducted at Agricultural Product Processing Laboratory, Agricultural Product Chemical Laboratory and Agricultural Product Microbiology Laboratory, Agricultural Technology Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Sriwijaya University, Indralaya, South Sumatera. This research used Completely Randomized Factorial Design with two treatment factors and repeated three times. The first factor was coffee peel type (arabica and robusta) and the second factor was SCOBY concentration variation (5%, 10% and 15%). Parameters observed were total phenol, total titrated acid, total dissolved solid, pH and total plate count. The results showed that coffee peel type, SCOBY concentration variation, and interaction of coffee peel type and SCOBY concentration variation had significant effects on total titrated acid and total dissolved solid cascara kombucha. The best treatment was selected based on the closest value to quality standard corresponded to Kombucha Brewers International (2021). Cascara kombucha with robusta coffee peels and SCOBY concentration 10% was chosen as the best treatment with total phenol 93.18 GAE/mL, total titrated acid 0.82%, total dissolved solid 3.80°Brix, pH 4.21, and TPC 5.04×10^7 CFU/mL.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

Coffee is the sub-sector of the highest natural resource base as well as a national strategic plantation commodity. In 2018, Indonesia became the fourth largest coffee exporter in the global market after Brazil, Vietnam and Colombia by controlling 6.06% of total world coffee exports (International Coffee Organization, 2019). Arabica (*Coffea arabica*) and robusta (*Coffea robusta*) are the two most widely cultivated coffee species in Indonesia (Sulistyaningtyas, 2017; Villanueva et al., 2011). Arabica is the best coffee in taste and quality. It has a strong and slightly sour taste with a caffeine content of 1-1.3%. However, Arabica is very susceptible to *Hemelia vasstatrik*, a leaf rust disease (Panggabean, 2011). Among all types of coffee, Robusta has the best resistance to leaf rust disease. It has a taste similar to chocolate, bitter than arabica, slightly sour and has a characteristic sweet smell (Prawosto et al., 2010).

The area of Indonesian coffee plantations reaches 1,227,728 hectares with coffee production of 637,539 tons per year (Muzaifa *et al.*, 2019). According to the Director General of Plantations (2017), the region with the highest coffee production in Indonesia is South Sumatra, which has an area of 250,171 hectares with 11,048 tons of robusta plantation. Meanwhile, the largest arabica producing area is Aceh with Arabica production of 47,378 tons per year and an area of 121,060 hectares.

The trend of coffee-based drinks tends to be stable and increasing. The increase in the popularity of coffee-based drinks has an impact on increasing the productivity of the national coffee commodity. The mushrooming of coffee processing also has an impact on the mountains of coffee waste. Muzaifa et al. (2019) stated that coffee waste was the non-bean part obtained from the results of coffee processing. Aini *et al.* (2019) added that the coffee waste consists of fruit rind (45%), mucilage (10%) and seed coat (5%). Generally, coffee rind is used in the manufacture of fertilizer. In addition, coffee rind is also used as animal feed material after going through quality improvement with *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* fermentation method.

Coffee husk waste is a potential material that can be optimized as a producer of caffeine, polyphenols, bioethanol (Bonilla-Hermosa et al., 2014), antioxidants and antimicrobials (Jimenez-Zamora et al., 2015). Coffee husk has many benefits including being able to ward off free radicals, protect the stomach and is good for giving a firming effect to the skin. The ability to ward off free radicals from coffee skin is suitable for preventing the growth of cancer cells and can improve the immune system. The active compounds contained in coffee husk include phenols, tannins (1.8-8.56%), pectin (6.5%), caffeine (1.3%), chlorogenic acid (2.6%), caffeic acid. (1.6%), and total anthocyanins (cyanidine, delphinidin, cyanidin 3-glycoside, delphinidine 3-glycoside, and pelargonidin 3-glycoside) 43% (Sumihati and Widiyanto, 2011).

The high intensity of coffee husk waste generated from coffee processing creates the potential for the development of the derivative products of coffee husk, including cascara. Cascara is the dried skin of coffee and is usually processed into refreshing drinks such as tea (Pabari, 2014). Cascara steeping has a blend of fruity flavors and blends of strawberry, raisin (Sawab et al., 2017) rose, cherry, mango and tobacco aromas (Muzaifa et al., 2019). The caffeine content of cascara is 226 mg caffeine/L, while the dominant phenolic compounds are protocatechuic and chlorogenic acid which are 85.0 and 69.6 mg/L (Heeger et al., 2017).

One of the functional drinks that are currently favored by the public, especially healthy lifestyle activists, is kombucha. Kombucha is a beverage fermented from tea liquid containing sugar by a consortium of microorganisms from the acetic acid bacteria group, namely *Acetobacter xylinum* and the yeast *Saccharomyces sp.* (Yanti et al., 2020) with a fermentation process carried out for 1-2 weeks (Sun et al., 2015). This symbiotic culture between bacteria and yeast is known as SCOBY or symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast. The amount of addition of SCOBY will affect the production of organic acids in kombucha. Based on Urbahillah (2018), 10% (w/v) SCOBY and 10% (w/v) added sugar are the optimum amounts for making kombucha. This treatment will produce the highest acetic acid, which is about 0.78%. Optimum results are obtained because the availability of nutrients is proportional to the number of microorganisms.

According to Viviandri *et al.* (2015), the bacteria involved in the kombucha fermentation process are acetic acid bacteria and lactic acid bacteria. This shows that kombucha has a potential as a probiotic drink. The fermentation process will cause changes in physical and chemical properties which include sugar, alcohol content, pH and antioxidant levels (Nguyen *et al.*, 2015). This change was caused by *Saccharomyces* sp. which breaks down glucose into ethanol while *Acetobacter xylinum* will oxidize ethanol to acetic acid (Ayuratri and Kusnadi, 2017). The fermentation process will be able to increase the total polyphenols due to microbial enzymatic activity which can free bound polyphenolic compounds so that more will be detected (Zubaidah *et al.*, 2012). Fermentation will also increase the total titrated acid caused by the breakdown of sugar compounds into organic acids. An increase in the total titrated acid will have an effect on a decrease in pH.

Research on kombucha with tea-based ingredients has been widely carried out, even now the manufacture of kombucha with raw materials other than tea such as coffee beans (Rahayu, 2006), rosella flowers (Nainggolan, 2009) and soursop leaves (Falahuddin, 2017). However, the manufacture of kombucha with cascara as the raw material has not been carried out even though cascara is known to be rich in benefits. The manufacture of kombucha cascara is expected to be able to produce a diversified product of processed coffee skin that has functional properties. The use of different types of coffee and various concentrations of SCOBY (symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast) is thought to affect the chemical and microbiological characteristics of kombucha cascara. A total lactic acid bacteria test is also required to claim kombucha as a probiotic functional drink.

1.2. Objective

The objective of this study was to determine the effect of the type of coffee (*Coffea arabica* and *Coffea robusta*) and the concentration of SCOBY (symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast) on the chemical and microbiological characteristics of kombucha cascara.

1.3. Hypothesis

The use of different types of coffee and concentrations of SCOBY is thought to have a significant effect on the chemical and microbiological characteristics of kombucha cascara.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Coffee

Coffee (*Coffea sp.*) is a type of dicotyledonous plant and has a taproot. The plants grow upright and have branches. They can reach up to 12 meters. There are many types of coffee in the world but the types that are usually cultivated by farmers are arabica, robusta and liberica. Coffee consists of four parts, namely the exocarp, the mesocarp, the parchment, and the endosperm.

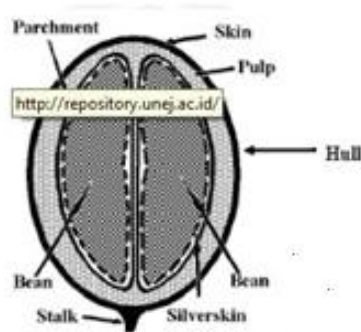


Figure 2.1 Coffee Structure (Widyotomo, 2012)

According to Nuraini *et al.* (2015), coffee fruit consists of fruit skin (45%), coffee beans (40%), mucilage (10%), and seed coat (5%). The mucus portion contains bound water by 85% and colloidal material that does not contain water and is hydrophilic by 15%. Coffee beans are protected by fruit skin, fruit flesh, mucus layer, horn skin and epidermis which can be seen in Figure 2.1.

2.1.1. Characteristics and Content of Arabica



Figure 2.2. Arabica (Fitrisa, 2020)

Arabica is the best coffee in taste and quality compared to other types of coffee. Arabica (*Coffea arabica*) is the first type of coffee to be cultivated. The characteristics of Arabica coffee are short beans and wavy dark green leaves. Arabica coffee beans are quite large with a weight of 18-22 g per 100 beans. The color of the seeds is slightly brown and seeds that are well processed will have a slightly bluish and greenish color. Good quality beans with a distinctive strong Arabica coffee taste and a slightly sour taste with a caffeine content of 1-1.3%. Based on Anggara and Marini (2011), arabica coffee has the following characteristics, (1) has a fragrant aroma similar to a combination of floral and fruit, (2) the texture becomes thicker when absorbed, (3) tastes slightly bitter, (4) has a bitter taste. The sour taste that robusta does not have, and (5) the taste is soft.

2.1.2. Characteristics and Content of Robusta Coffee

Robusta development was initiated to develop coffee that is more resistant to leaf rust disease. Robusta (*C. canephora var. Robusta*) is more resistant to leaf rust disease than arabica coffee and liberica coffee. Until now, Indonesian coffee plantations are dominated by the type of robusta coffee and have been mass-produced in Sumatra and Java.



Figure 2.3. Robusta (Risnandar and Fahmi, 2018)

Robusta has a wider crown and larger leaves. The beans are slightly rounded, thick curves and the diameter from top to bottom is almost the same. Robusta coffee leaves grow opposite the stems, branches and twigs (Najiyatih and Danarti, 2012). This coffee has a taste similar to chocolate, more bitter than arabica, slightly sour, and has a characteristic sweet smell. Among all types of coffee, robusta has the best resistance to the leaf rust disease or *Hemileia vastatrix* (HV). More than 90% of coffee plantations in Indonesia are robusta plantations (Prawosto et al., 2010).

2.2. Cascara

The intensity of coffee husk waste generated from the coffee processing process encourages the development of the derivative products of coffee husk, one of which is cascara. Linguistically, cascara is included in the Spanish vocabulary, which means skin. According to Pabari (2014), cascara is dried coffee skin. Meanwhile, according to Savitri (2021), cascara is an herb made from coffee skin, shaped like a cherry and is often used as a coffee or tea drink. Cascara has a sweet taste and a distinctive aroma like herbal tea with aromas such as mangoes, cherries, rose petals and even tamarind (Carpenter, 2015). Cascara brew has a fruity flavor with a blend of strawberry and raisin aromas (Nurhayati et al., 2020) as well as rose, cherry, mango and tobacco blends (Muzaifa *et al.*, 2019).



Figure 2.4. Cascara (Hakim, 2020)

Cascara is produced from drying coffee skins in the sun by utilizing temperatures around 30-35°C for 2-3 weeks. Based on the research of Nafisah et al. (2018), the highest total phenol content in cascara resulted from drying treatment-using sunlight. This is because the low temperature can maintain the polyphenol components in the cascara. Another drying method that can be used is drying using artificial heat from the oven. Oven drying is considered to be more beneficial for product quality because the decrease in water content occurs in large quantities in a short time (Subyekti, 2012).

The process of making tea from coffee husks consists of several stages, namely sorting, washing coffee cherries, peeling and drying coffee pods (Galanakis, 2017). Cascara development is not optimal even though it has so many benefits. According to Bondesson (2015), per 100 grams of cascara contains polyphenol components in the form of catechins and epicatechins as

contained in tea. Cascara also contains components similar to coffee, namely chlorogenic acid (2.5 g) and very low levels of caffeine (1-1.3 g). Meanwhile, according to Heeger et al. (2017) and Nurhayati et al. (2020), the caffeine content of cascara is 226 mg caffeine/L. These components are known as antioxidants or anti-free radicals that are able to delay cell damage so that they can be a refreshing drink as well as an alternative in the therapy of high blood pressure, heart disease and cancer (Al-Yousef *et al.*, 2017). Cascara has a potential as a source of antioxidants because it contains several antioxidants such as gallic acid, protocatechuic acid, chlorogenic acid and rutin. The antioxidant content of cascara can be seen in Table 2.2.

Table 2.1. The antioxidant content of cascara

No.	Content	Amount
1.	Cafein (mg/L)	226.4 ± 1.2
2.	Fenol (mg/L)	
	2.1 Gallic acid	4.3 ± 0.5
	2.2 Protocatechuic acid	85.0 ± 0.5
	2.3 Chlorogenic acid	69.6 ± 0.4
	2.4 Routine	6.1 ± 0.0
3.	Antioxidant Activity	
	3.1 ORAC (mmol/TE/L)	8.86 ± 0.186
	3.2 ABTS (mmol/TE/L)	3.02 ± 0.006
	3.3 TPC (mg of GAE/L)	283 ± 12.0

Source: Heeger *et al.* (2016)

The oxygen radical absorbance capacity or ORAC value of the cascara is 22,070 mol TE/100 g or 4 times higher than the ORAC value of blueberries and equivalent to the value of chili powder and goji fruit (Nurhayati et al., 2020). The inhibitors of the -glucosidase and -amylase enzymes contained in cascara are good for consumption by diabetics (Subeki et al., 2019).

The brown color of cascara is caused by changes in the color of the coffee husk pigment during drying. Drying of coffee husks into cascara products is generally done using sunlight (Yuliandri, 2016). However, it is susceptible to contamination so that hygiene and sanitation are not maintained. Esquivel and Jimenez (2012) stated that coffee husk contains anthocyanin pigments which contribute to the red color of coffee husk. According to Urbahillah (2018) the drying process will cause a decrease in the color stability of anthocyanins. The decrease in anthocyanin stability is caused by the degradation of anthocyanins from aglycone form to chalcone which will then form brown colored -diketone.

2.3. Kombucha

Kombucha comes from two words namely *kombu* and *cha*. Kombu is the name of a healer who came from Korea and lived in the 5th century AD. Cha is taken from Chinese that means tea. Kombucha is a fermented tea drink with added sugar and fermented with a kombucha starter, which is a symbiotic bacterial symbiosis of *Acetobacter xylinum* and several types of yeast, including *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* where the fermentation process is carried out for 1-2 weeks (Sun *et al.*, 2015). Meanwhile, according to Wistiana and Zubaidah (2015), kombucha tea is a traditional fermented beverage product from a solution of tea and sugar using a kombucha starter (*Acetobacter xylinum* and several types of yeast) where kombucha has health effects including antioxidant, antibacterial, able to increase immunity and so on. Based on Yanti *et al.* (2020), kombucha is a fermented drink from tea liquid containing sugar by a consortium of microorganisms from the acetic acid bacteria group, namely *Acetobacter xylinum* and the yeast *Saccharomyces sp.* The dominant microorganisms found in kombucha include *Acetobacter*, *Gluconobacter*, and the yeast groups *Saccharomyces*, *Schizosaccharomyces* and *Zygosaccharomyces*.



Figure 2.5. Kombucha (Lararenjana, 2020)

The yeast group will use the sugar in the tea solution as a substrate and convert it to alcohol. The alcohol produced will be consumed by bacteria to produce organic acid compounds. The dominant acid compound in kombucha is acetic acid. The major components that will be produced during the fermentation process are acetic acid, ethanol, and glucuronic acid while the minor components produced are lactic acid, phenolic acid, B vitamins and enzymes (Suhardini *et al.* 2016).

2.3.1. Kombucha Chemical Ingredients

Kombucha is known as a drink that can overcome various health problems including diabetes, obesity, rheumatism, arthritis, and so on (Ningtyas, 2015). Kombucha culture is able to convert sugar and convert it into substances that are beneficial to the body such as glucuronic acid, lactic acid, vitamins, amino acids, antibiotics and other substances. The chemical composition of kombucha tea is shown in Table 2.3.

Table 2.2. Chemical content in 120 mL of kombucha

Contents	Amount
Calori (Cal)	40.00
Total Carbohydrate (g)	8.00
Protein (g)	0.00
Total Fat (g)	0.00
Sugar (g)	8.00
Vitamin C (mg)	0.12
Sodium (g)	0.00
Folat Acid (mg)	0.64
Riboflavin (mg)	1.16

Source: Nurul (2010)

2.4. SCOBY (*Symbiotic Culture of Bacteria and Yeast*)

SCOBY or Symbiotic Culture of Bacteria and Yeast is a secondary metabolite obtained from kombucha fermentation that forms a cellulose structure (Rusdiana, 2017).



Figure 2.6. SCOBY (Putri, 2020)

Kombucha culture consists of symbiotic microorganisms. Based on the results of research that have been known, the microorganisms found in the culture used are acetic acid bacteria and yeast. The results of the gram staining observations showed that the morphology of the microorganism cells was red and coccus-shaped, so it was concluded that the bacteria were classified as gram-negative bacteria, namely

Acetobacter sp. In the results of the microscope, it can also be seen if the morphology of the yeast cells found in kombucha is oval or eclipsed. Yeasts identified in SCOBY are Saccharomyces, Zygosaccharomyces, and Brettanomyces (Efivani, 2017).

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1. Place and Time

This research was carried out at the Agricultural Product Chemistry Laboratory, General Microbiology Laboratory and Agricultural Product Processing Laboratory, Agricultural Products Technology Study Program, Agricultural Technology Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Sriwijaya University, Indralaya. The research started in July to August 2021.

3.2. Tools and Materials

The tools used in this study were: 1) glassware for analysis, 2) autoclave (Hirayama, Japan), 3) basin, 4) glass bottle, 5) incubator (Mettler, Germany), 6) paper, 7) label, 8) refrigerator, 9) analytical balance, 10) test tube clamp, 11) 80 mesh filter, 12) pulper, 13) refractometer (ATAGO Master), 14) spectrophotometer (Jenway, UK), 15) glass jar with faucet, 16) cimarec thermo scientific stirring hotplates (Cimarec, US), 17) vortex (Maxi II, type 3760, Germany), and 18) aluminum crucible.

The materials used in this study were: 1) water, 2) aquadest, 3) chemicals for analysis, 4) Pagaralam arabica coffee husk, 5) Pagaralam robusta coffee husk, 6) SCOBY (symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast) purchased through the e-commerce platform shopee, and 7) sucrose.

3.3. Research Method

This study used a Factorial Completely Randomized Design (RALF) with two treatment factors, namely (A) type of coffee consisting of 2 treatment levels and (B) SCOBY concentration consisting of 3 treatment levels, in order to obtain 6 treatment combinations. Each treatment was replicated 3 times to obtain 18 experimental units. The treatment factors are as follows:

1. Coffee Type (A)

A₁ = Arabica

A₂ = Robusta

2. Concentration SCOBY

B₁ = Concentration SCOBY 5% (b/v)

B₂ = Concentration SCOBY 10% (b/v)

B₃ = Concentration SCOBY 15% (b/v)

Description:

b/v = the weight of addition of ingredients per total volume of kombucha

3.4. Data Analysis

The data obtained were processed using analysis of variance or ANOVA. Treatments that had a significant effect were further tested using the Honest Significant Difference (HSD) test at 5% level.

3.5. Statistical analysis

The data obtained were processed using statistical analysis. Data processing was carried out quantitatively using parametric statistical analysis data processing techniques.

According to Gomez and Gomez (1995), experimental data were analyzed using a Factorial Completely Randomized Design (RALF) with two treatment factors which can be stated as follows:

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + (\alpha\beta)_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

Description:

Y_{ijk} = observation value

μ = average value

α_i = effect of coffee type

β_j = effect of SCOBY concentration

(αβ)_{ijk} = the interaction effect of the type of coffee and the concentration of SCOBY

ε_{ijk} = trial error (galat)

The measurement results were processed through parametric statistical analysis. The analysis of variance in statistics can be seen in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1. List of Factorial Completely Randomized Design Variance Analysis (FCRD)

Source of Variance (SD)	Degree of Freedom (df)	Sum of Square (SS)	Sum of Square of Median (SSM)	F _{count}	F _{Table 5%}
Treatment	V ₁ =(m.n)-1	JKP	JKP/V ₁	KTP/KTG	(V ₁ ,V ₂)
Factor A	V ₂ =(m-1)	JKA	JKA/V ₂	KTA/KTG	(V ₂ ,V ₅)
Factor B	V ₃ =(n-1)	JKB	JKB/V ₃	KTB/KTG	(V ₃ ,V ₅)
Interaction AB	V ₄ =(m-1)(n-1)	JKAB	JKAB/V ₄	KTAB/KTG	(V ₄ ,V ₅)
Galat	V ₅ =V ₆ -V ₁	JKG	JKG/V ₅		
Total	V ₆ =(m.n.r)-1	JKTotal	JKTotal/V ₆		

Source: Gomez dan Gomez (1995)

Description:

m = number of treatments A

n = number of treatments B

r = number of repetition

The significance of the variance analysis was carried out by comparing the F_{Table} in the 5% test. The basis of comparison was based on Gomez and Gomez (1995) as follows:

If the F_{count} obtained was more than or equal to the F_{Table 5%}, it was declared to have no significant effect and was marked with *.

If the F_{count} obtained was less than or equal to the F_{Table 5%}, it was declared to have no significant effect and was marked with ns.

If the results of the analysis of variance showed that F_{count} is greater than F_{Table}, then proceeded with the HSD test (Honest Significant Difference) to find out the mean difference in each experiment. The formula used for the HSD test was as follows:

$$HSD\alpha = Q_{\alpha(p,v)} \cdot S\bar{y}\alpha$$

$$HSD\beta = Q_{\beta(p,v)} \cdot S\bar{y}\beta$$

$$HSD\alpha\beta = Q_{\alpha\beta(p,v)} \cdot S\bar{y}\alpha\beta$$

$$S\bar{y}\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{KTG}{3 \times r}}$$

$$S\bar{y}\beta = \sqrt{\frac{KTG}{2 \times r}}$$

$$S\bar{y} \alpha\beta = \sqrt{\frac{KTG}{r}}$$

Description:

$\alpha\beta$ = Value of HSD at 5%

p = number of treatment tested

v = error-free degree

$S\bar{y}$ = common mean standard error

CSE = center square of error

r = repetition

To determine the level of accuracy according to Gomez and Gomez (1995), the Coefficient of Variance (CV) test was used. If the value of the Coefficient of Variance (CV) obtained was less than 15%, it meant that this research had good accuracy. The coefficient of variance was calculated by the following formula:

$$CV(\%) = \frac{\sqrt{KTG}}{Y} \times 100$$

Description:

CV = coefficient of variance

CSE = center square of error

Y = the average value of all experimental data

3.6. Procedures

This research consisted of several stages of research, namely the stage of making kombucha cascara and the stage of analysis. The way the kombucha cascara worked was based on the modified Urbahillah (2018) method, which was as follows:

1. Sucrose 10% (w/v) was boiled with 3 L of water until it boiled, then 1% cascara (w/v) was added while stirring for 5 minutes.
2. The cascara solution was filtered using an 80 mesh filter and then cooled to 40°C.

3. Then the cascara solution was put into a glass jar with a faucet and inoculated with 5%, 10% and 10% kombucha culture (SCOBY). 15% (w/v).
4. After that, it was done with aerobic fermentation indoors (temperature range from 20-25°C) and not exposed to direct sunlight for 8 days (Nurhayati, 2020).
5. Finally, the fermented cascara solution was separated from the kombucha culture (SCOBY) and packaged in glass bottles and then analyzed.

3.7. Parameters

3.7.1. Total Polyphenol Test

The measurement of the total polyphenol content of kombucha cascara using the *Follin-Ciocalteu* method according to the method developed by Slinkard and Singleton (1977) was as follows:

1. 0.1 mL of kombucha sample was put into a test tube and 4.9 mL of distilled water was added.
2. Follin-Ciocalteu reagent was added as much as 0.5 mL into a test tube and vortexed and then allowed to stand for 5 minutes.
3. A total of 1 mL of 7% Na₂CO₃ solution is added and vortexed so that the solution is homogeneous.
4. The test tube was left in a dark place for 60 minutes.
5. Value of absorbance using a spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 765 nm.
6. Measurement of the blank solution was carried out in the same way but the sample was replaced using distilled water in the same amount.
7. Total polyphenols were calculated using standard curves prepared from gallic acid at various concentrations.
8. Total phenol of the sample was expressed as mg GAE/mL with GAE = gallic acid equivalent.

3.7.2. Total Titratable Acidity (TTA) Test

Total Titratable Acidity (TTA) test was carried out using the acid-alkali titration method based on Cahyaningtyas (2018). The steps taken to measure the total titrated acid (%) were as follows:

NaOH . Standardization

1. A standard solution of 0.1 M acetic acid was prepared by taking 0.5 mL of glacial acetic acid solution into a 100 mL volumetric flask, then adding distilled water to the boundary line.
2. A total of 100 mL of acetic acid was put into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer and added with 1% phenolphthalein (pp) indicator.
3. The solution is titrated using NaOH solution until a pink color is formed which lasts for 15 seconds.
4. The normality of NaOH was calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Normality NaOH (N)} = \frac{\text{Mass } CH_3COOH (g) \times n \text{ } CH_3COOH \times 1000}{Mr \text{ } CH_3COOH \times V \text{ NaOH (mL)}}$$

Measurement of Total Acid Content Titrated Kombucha Cascara

1. A total of 10 mL of kombucha cascara was taken and put into a 100 mL volumetric flask.
2. It was added with distilled water up to the mark and then homogenized.
3. Took 50 mL and put it in an Erlenmeyer then added 3 drops of *phenolphthalein* indicator (pp).
4. Titrated with 0.1 N NaOH solution until a pink color was formed. Read the scale when the red color was first formed and lasted for 15 seconds.
5. The total acetic acid content (%) was measured using the formula:

$$\text{Total Acetic Acid (\%)} = \frac{V \text{ titran} \times N \text{ titran} \times P \times BM \text{ } CH_3COOH}{V \text{ sampel (mL)} \times 1000} \times 100\%$$

Description:

V = volume of NaOH solution as titrant (mL)

N = normality of NaOH

P = dilution amount

BM = acetic acid molecular weight (60)

V sampel = kombucha sample volume (mL)

3.7.3. Total Dissolved Solids

The measurement of total dissolved solids was based on the AOAC (1999) with the following steps.

1. The refractometer was prepared.
2. The prism glass cover was opened and then 1-2 drops of sample were placed on it.
3. The prism glass cover was closed slowly.
4. The refractometer was directed at a bright light and then the scale reading was seen through the binoculars.
5. If the scale was blurred, rotate the binocular hole until the scale reading was clear.
6. Total dissolved solids were expressed in °Brix.

3.7.4. pH Analysis

The measurement of pH was carried out using a pH meter based on the AOAC (1995) in the following way:

1. One 5 mL sample was prepared.
2. The pH meter was calibrated using pH 4 and 7 buffers.
3. The cathode was inserted into the sample and left until the number indicated on the digital measurement no longer changes.
4. For each time of the measurement, the cathode of the pH meter was rinsed with distilled water and then dried before being used again.

3.7.5. Total Plate Number Test

The calculation of the total plate number was carried out using Ulfa and Arfiana (2020) in the following way:

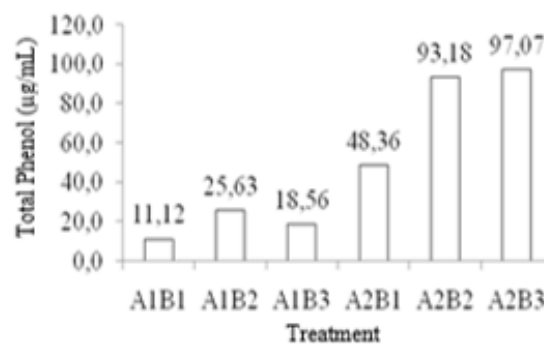
1. Kombucha which had been fermented for 8 days was taken as much as 1 mL and diluted to 10⁻³ dilution.
2. A total of 10 grams of nutrient was put into a Petri dish then the diluted kombucha sample was poured.
3. Petri dishes were incubated for 24 hours.
4. After 24 hours, the colonies formed were counted as the Total Plate Number (TPN).

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. Total Phenol

The measurement of total phenol was carried out to determine the amount of phenol content of a solution in g/mL. The measurement of total phenol in this study was done because cascara was known to have a high phenol content (Heeger et al., 2016). Research by Ayu *et al.* (2013) showed that the total phenol of local Balinese black tea kombucha fermented for 8 days was 43.28 g/mL. Meanwhile, Nurhayati *et al.* (2020) in her research stated that the total phenol value of kombucha cascara ranged from 6.3 to 36.9 mg/mL. The results showed that the average total phenol value of kombucha cascara ranged from 11.12 g/mL to 97.07 g/mL. The highest total phenol content was obtained by treatment A2B3 (kombucha cascara robusta fermented with 15% SCOBY concentration) of 97.07 g/mL. Meanwhile, the lowest total phenol content was obtained by A1B1 treatment (fermented kombucha cascara arabica with 5% SCOBY concentration) of 11.12 g/mL. The results of the measurement of total phenol in kombucha cascara with different types of coffee husks used at various concentrations of SCOBY can be seen in Figure 4.1



Description:

A₁ = Arabica husk
A₂ = Robusta husk

B₁ = Concentration SCOBY 5%
B₂ = Concentration SCOBY 10%
B₃ = Concentration SCOBY 15%

Figure 4.1. The average total phenol value (µg/mL) of kombucha cascara

The results of the analysis of variance showed that the treatment factor A (coffee skin type) had a significant effect on the total phenol value of kombucha cascara produced, but factor B (SCOBY concentration) and the interaction of the two treatment factors had no significant effect on the total phenol in kombucha. Phenol levels in raw materials, namely arabica and robusta husks affected the total phenol content in kombucha. In general, the phenols found in the coffee husk were flavan-3-ol, hydroxynamic acid, flavonols, anthocyanidins, catechins, epicatechins, rutin, tannins and ferulic acid (Esquivel and Jimenez, 2012). Meanwhile, based on the analysis of raw materials that had been carried out, Arabica husk tea contained phenol levels of 32.70 g/mL. This amount was smaller than the phenol content in robusta coffee skin tea, which was 33.14 g/mL. This was in line with the measurement results of the total phenol of kombucha cascara where the total phenol of kombucha cascara robusta was greater than the total phenol of kombucha cascara arabica. The results of the 5% HSD test, the effect of the coffee husk type treatment factor on the total phenol of kombucha cascara can be seen in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1. The result of further test HSD 5% the effect of coffee husk type on the total phenol of kombucha cascara

Coffee husk type	Total phenol mean (GAE/mL)	HSD 5% = 26.49
A ₁ (Arabica husk)	55.31	a
A ₂ (Robusta husk)	238.61	b

Description : numbers followed by the same letter in the same column shows that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of the 5% HSD test (Table 4.1) showed that the total phenol of kombucha cascara robusta was significantly different from the total phenol of kombucha cascara arabica. Kombucha cascara robusta has a higher phenol content than cascara arabica at all SCOBY concentrations. The results obtained were in line with the results of Ariadi's (2013) research in Solichah (2019) which reported that the phenol content of cascara robusta was higher than cascara arabica in every condition of the brewing process. Murlida et al. (2021) also stated that among the three types of cascara used in their research, cascara robusta tea had the highest phenol content, followed by cascara liberika tea and cascara arabica tea had the

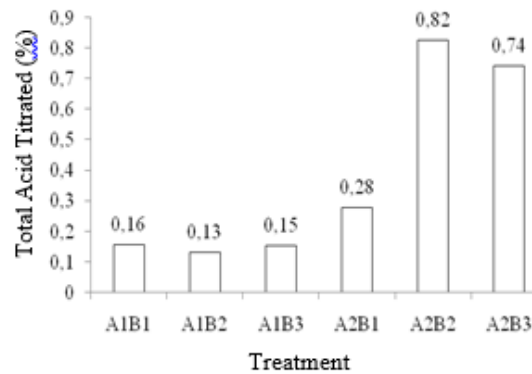
lowest phenol content. Based on Farah (2012), indirectly, total phenol interpreted chlorogenic acid levels as the main phenolic compounds contained in cascara. The higher the total phenol, the higher the chlorogenic acid content.

Although the concentration of SCOBY did not have a significant effect, according to Suhardini and Zubaidah (2016), the increase in phenolic compounds in tea of various types of leaves that were processed into kombucha was caused by the activity of various groups of bacteria and yeasts that can metabolize to produce flavonoid compounds through enzymatic reactions. Sukmawati *et al.* (2012) in Hunandar (2016) also stated the same thing that on the 10th day of kombucha fermentation there was an increase in phenol levels caused by biotransformation of several phenolic compounds due to enzymes released and the release of catechins from acid-sensitive microorganisms. Bhattacharya *et al.* (2011) in Nurhayati *et al.* (2020) stated that the enzymatic activity produced by SCOBY degraded matrix components to form phenolic compounds.

Volmer *et al.* (2017) in Nurhayati *et al.* (2020) also explained that the increase in phenol levels occurred due to the degradation of chlorogenic acid by microorganisms into caffeic acid. Caffeic acid is a flavonoid phenolic compound. Caffeic acid was then broken down into cinnamic acid. Meanwhile, according to Ayurtri and Kusnadi (2017) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was able to produce phenol reductase enzymes and decarboxylate cinnamic acid. Cinnamic acids such as pyrulic acid and p-caumaric acid are decarboxylated to form phenolic compounds such as 4-vinyl guaiacol (4-VG) and 4-vinyl phenol (4-VP).

4.2. Total Acid Titrated

Total acid was one of the important parameters to be observed during the fermentation process. This was because the fermentation process produced metabolites in the form of organic acids (Afriani, 2010). Based on the measurement of total titrated acid, cascara arabica tea contained 0.042% titrated acid and cascara robusta tea contained 0.018% titrated acid. After being processed into kombucha, the total titrated acid increased significantly. This increase occurred because during the fermentation process, yeast and bacteria remodel sucrose into organic acids (Urbahillah, 2018). The total titrated acid of kombucha cascara ranged from 0.132% to 0.824%. The results of the measurement of total acid titrated in kombucha cascara with different types of coffee husks and SCOBY concentrations can be seen in Figure 4.2.



Description

- A₁ = arabika husk
- A₂ = robusta husk
- B₁ = Concentration SCOBY 5%
- B₂ = Concentration SCOBY 10%
- B₃ = Concentration SCOBY 15%

Figure 4.2. The average total titrated acid value (%) kombucha cascara

The total titrated acid of kombucha cascara arabica obtained ranged from 0.132-0.156%. This value did not meet the quality requirements of kombucha according to KBI (Kombucha Brewers International) which stated that the total titrated acid of kombucha ranged from 0.27-2.03%. Meanwhile, the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara robusta which ranged from 0.28-0.82% was in accordance with the quality requirements set by KBI.

The results of the analysis of the variance of total titrated acid in kombucha cascara showed that treatment factor A (coffee husk type), treatment factor B (SCOBY concentration) and the interaction of the two factors had a significant effect on the total titrated acid in kombucha cascara. The results of the 5% HSD test showed the effect of the treatment factors of different types of coffee skins on the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara can be seen in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Results of further test HSD 5% the effect of different types of coffee treatment factors on total acid titrated kombucha cascara

Coffee husk type	Total Acid Titrated mean (%)	HSD 5% = 0.0295
A ₁ (Arabica husk)	0.44	a
A ₂ (Robusta husk)	1.84	b

Description : numbers followed by the same letter in the same column shows that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of the 5% HSD test (Table 4.2) showed that the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara robusta was significantly different from that of kombucha cascara arabica. The total acid in cascara processed products was influenced by the chlorogenic acid content contained in it. Nurhayati *et al.* (2013) in her research stated that chlorogenic acid was the dominant phenolic compound in cascara which was 69.6 mg/L. The higher total titrated acid in kombucha cascara robusta indicated that robusta coffee husk contained higher chlorogenic acid than Arabica coffee husk. Based on Farah and Donangelo (2006), the chlorogenic acid content of arabica, liberica and robusta coffee was 6.88%, 6.97% and 7.17%, respectively.

This was also directly proportional to the total phenol value obtained in this study, where the total phenolic content of kombucha cascara robusta was higher than the total phenol of kombucha cascara arabica which indicated that the content of chlorogenic acid phenolic compounds in robusta coffee husks was higher than arabica coffee husks.

The higher the concentration of SCOBY in the kombucha cascara fermentation, the higher the total titrated acid as well. The results of the 5% HSD further test the effect of treatment factors increasing the concentration of SCOBY on the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara can be seen in Table 4.3.

Table 4.3. Results of further test HSD 5% the effect of treatment factors increasing the concentration of SCOBY on the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara

SCOBY Concentration	Total Acid Titrated mean (%)	HSD 5% = 0.0443
B ₁ (SCOBY Concentration 5%)	0.65	a
B ₂ (SCOBY Concentration 15%)	1.34	b
B ₃ (SCOBY Concentration 10%)	1.43	c

Description: the numbers followed by the same letter in the same column indicate that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of the 5% HSD test (Table 4.3) showed that fermented kombucha with 10% SCOBY concentration was significantly different from kombucha fermented with 5% and 15% SCOBY concentrations. The total value of titrated acid in fermented kombucha with a concentration of 10% SCOBY resulted in the highest total titrated acid. According to Cahyani (2015), this was because the concentration of SCOBY would affect the production of acetic acid in kombucha where the SCOBY concentration of 10% and the use of 10% sucrose were the

optimum concentrations in making kombucha and produced the highest acetic acid. The concentration of SCOBY 10% was proportional to the amount of substrate so that the substrate can be used for growth, cell multiplication and optimal production of organic acids. Ardheniati *et al.* (2009) also explained that the decrease in acetic acid levels was influenced by the decreasing supply of sugar, so that acetic acid bacteria oxidized acetic acid in obtaining energy for growth. Urbahillah (2018) in his research also explained that the concentration of acetic acid in kombucha only increased to a certain extent. This was because the sugar content had been exhausted and acetic acid was further utilized by *Acetobacter xylinum*.

The interaction between coffee husk and variations in SCOBY concentration showed a significant effect on the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara. The results of the 5% HSD further test showed the interaction effect of the two treatment factors on the total titrated acid of kombucha can be seen in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4. Results of further test HSD 5% the effect of the interaction of the two treatment factors on the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara

Coffee husk and SCOBY Concentration	total titrated acid mean (5%)	HSD 5% = 0.0322
A1B2 (arabika, SCOBY 10%)	0.13	a
A1B3 (arabika, SCOBY 15%)	0.15	a
A1B1 (arabika, SCOBY 5%)	0.16	a
A2B1 (robusta, SCOBY 5%)	0.28	b
A2B3 (robusta, SCOBY 15%)	0.74	c
A2B2 (robusta, SCOBY 10%)	0.82	d

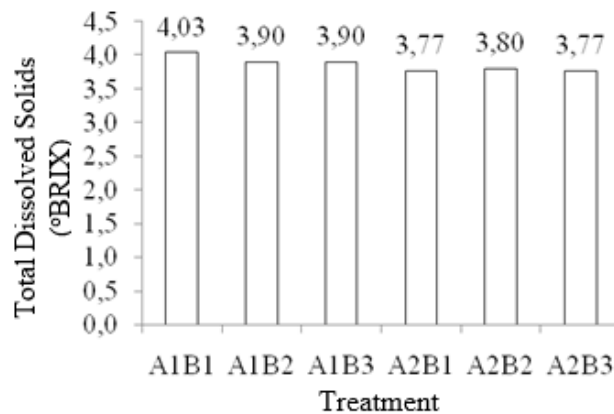
Description: the numbers followed by the same letter in the same column indicate that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of the 5% HSD test (Table 4.4) showed that the A2B2 (kombucha cascara robusta fermented with 10% SCOBY concentration) treatment was significantly different from the other treatments. Kombucha cascara robusta with 10% SCOBY concentration produced the highest total titrated acid of 0.824%. Robusta coffee husk produced a higher total titrated acid than Arabica coffee husk. Meanwhile, the 10% SCOBY concentration and the addition of 10% or 1:1 sucrose were the optimum concentrations to produce the highest acetic acid in kombucha tea fermentation (Cahyani, 2015). Verawati (2019) in her research stated that the yeast and bacteria found in kombucha got energy by degrading sugar bonds into ATP. So that if the available substrate was less than the number of

microorganisms, then the results of the overhaul used for cell multiplication would be more and more while the production of organic acids will be less. In contrast, if the available substrate was more than the number of microorganisms, the conversion of sugar into organic acids would not be optimal.

4.3. Total Dissolved Solids

The total dissolved solids shows the content of dissolved substances in the solution. Based on Muzaifa et al. (2019), total dissolved solids could interpret the sugar content in cascara steeping including kombucha cascara. Sintasari *et al.* (2014) stated that the total dissolved solids interpreted the remaining sugar content resulting from the overhaul of the fermentation process. Heeger *et al.* (2017) in his research reported that the water-soluble components in cascara included fructose, glucose, protein, and caffeine. Measurement results of total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara with different types coffee husk and SCOBY concentration can be seen in Figure 4.3.



Description

A ₁	= Arabika husk	B ₁	= Concentration SCOBY 5%
A ₂	= Robusta husk	B ₂	= Concentration SCOBY 10%
		B ₃	= Concentration SCOBY 15%

Figure 4.3. Total dissolved solids (°Brix) value of average kombucha cascara

The total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara ranged from 3.77-4.03°Brix. The total soluble solids of cascara arabica tea which was initially 4.3°Brix decreased to 3.90-4.03°Brix after being processed into kombucha. The total dissolved solids of cascara robusta tea also decreased from 3.90°Brix to 3.77-3.80°Brix after being processed into kombucha.

The results of the analysis of the variance of total titrated acid in kombucha cascara showed that treatment factor A (coffee husk), treatment factor B (SCOBY concentration) and the interaction of the two factors had a significant effect on the total titrated acid in kombucha cascara. The results of the 5% HSD test showed the effect of the different types of coffee skin treatment factors on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara which can be seen in Table 4.5.

Table 4.5. Results of further test of 5% HSD the effect of different types of coffee treatment factors on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara

Coffee husk type	Total Acid Titrated mean (%)	HSD 5% = 0.0419
A ₂ (Robusta husk)	11.3333	b
A ₁ (Arabica husk)	11.8333	a

Description: the numbers followed by the same letter in the same column indicate that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of the HSD further test at 5% level (Table 4.5) showed that the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara arabica was significantly different from that of kombucha cascara robusta. According to Heeger *et al.* (2017) in Nurhayati *et al.* (2020), the components contained in cascara consisted of water-soluble components, such as glucose, fructose, protein and caffeine. The higher total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara arabica indicates that cascara arabica contained more water soluble components. This was in accordance with research by Farah (2012) in Murlida *et al.* (2021) which stated that the sugar content of cascara arabica was higher than cascara robusta. Sugars, pigments, vitamins, organic acids and proteins were water soluble components (Ismawati *et al.*, 2016).

In addition to internal factors, namely the content of cascara itself, one of the external factors that affect the total dissolved solids was the heating temperature. The use of a manual stove causes the specific temperature cannot be regulated. Pantastico (1986) in Muzaifa *et al.* (2019) stated that the higher the temperature, the faster the breaking of long chains of carbohydrate compounded into sugar. This resulted in a higher total dissolved solids.

The higher the concentration of SCOBY, the lower the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara. The results of the 5% HSD further test showed the effect of

the treatment factor increasing the concentration of SCOBY on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara which can be seen in Table 4.6.

Table 4.6. Results of further test HSD 5% the effect of treatment factors increasing the concentration of SCOBY on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara

SCOBY Concentration	Total Dissolved Solids mean (°BRIX)	HSD 5% = 0.0628
B ₃ (SCOBY Concentration 5%)	11.50	a
B ₂ (SCOBY Concentration 15%)	11.55	a
B ₃ (SCOBY Concentration 10%)	11.70	b

Description: the numbers followed by the same letter in the same column indicate that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of further HSD test at 5% level (Table 4.6) showed that the total soluble solids of fermented kombucha with 5% SCOBY concentration were significantly different from kombucha fermented with 10% and 15% SCOBY concentrations. Treatment B1 (5% SCOBY concentration) had the highest total dissolved solids content of 11.70°Brix. Based on Napitupulu *et al.* (2015), an increase in the number of microbes was accompanied by a decrease in the amount of substrate because it was consumed for metabolism which caused the value of total dissolved solids to decrease. Nurhayati *et al.* (2017) in her research described the activity and growth of microorganisms that degraded substrates such as sugar and the content of solutes in cascara and were used for microorganism metabolism so that the higher the number of microorganisms, the lower the dissolved solids.

The interaction between the type of coffee husk used and the concentration of SCOBY showed a significant effect on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara. The results of the 5% HSD further test the effect of the interaction of the two treatment factors on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara can be seen in Table 4.7.

Table 4.7. The result of further test HSD 5% interaction effect of coffee skin type and variation of SCOBY concentration on the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara

Coffee husk and SCOBY Concentration	Total Dissolved Solids mean (°BRIX)	HSD 5% = 0,0457
A2B1 (robusta, SCOBY 5%)	3.77	a
A2B3 (robusta, SCOBY 15%)	3.77	a
A2B2 (robusta, SCOBY 10%)	3.80	a
A1B2 (arabika, SCOBY 10%)	3.90	b

A1B3 (arabika, SCOBY 15%)	3.90	b
A1B1 (arabika, SCOBY 5%)	4.03	c

Description: the numbers followed by the same letter in the same column indicate that the treatment was not significantly different

The results of the HSD test at 5% level (Table 4.7) showed that the A1B1 treatment (fermented kombucha cascara arabica with 5% SCOBY concentration) was significantly different from the other treatments. The A1B1 treatment, namely the interaction of A1 (arabic coffee) and B1 (5% SCOBY concentration) resulted in the highest total dissolved solids value of 4.03°Brix. Cascara arabica contains higher water soluble components than cascara robusta, resulting in a higher total dissolved solids. Meanwhile, the low concentration of SCOBY caused less substrate to be degraded so that the dissolved solids were higher (Nurhayati *et al.*, 2017). Combination treatment of fermented kombucha cascara arabica with 5% SCOBY concentration would produce the highest total dissolved solids. Meanwhile, the total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara robusta were not significantly different from one another at all SCOBY concentrations.

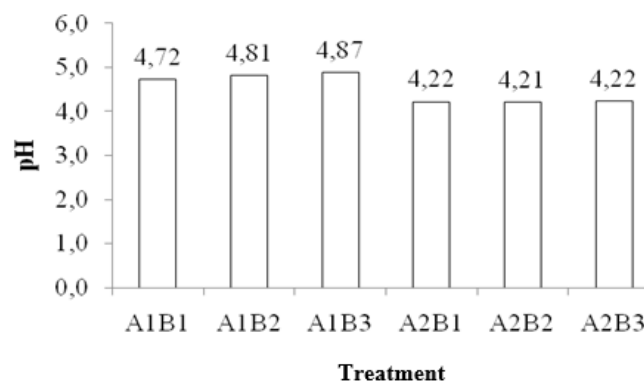
4.4. pH Analysis

The degree of acidity or pH was one of the important parameters to be observed in the fermentation process. The higher the acid content, the lower the pH of the product. The pH of kombucha cascara ranged from 4.20 to 4.87. Based on Afriani (2010), the fermentation process produced metabolites in the form of organic acids, causing a decrease in the pH of the fermentation product.

The pH standard for kombucha set by Kombucha Brewers International (2021) was 2.2-3.8. However, kombucha could still be consumed as long as the pH was below 4.6. The pH of kombucha cascara arabica ranged from 4.72-4.87 while the pH of kombucha cascara robusta ranged from 4.20-4.22. Based on these data, the pH of kombucha cascara arabica and robusta had passed the standard set by Kombucha Brewers International. However, kombucha cascara robusta was still below the acceptable limit for consumption.

Treatment factor A (coffee husk) used two different types of coffee skin to produce different pH. Based on the pH measurement of cascara tea that had been done, cascara arabica tea had a pH of 5.79, while cascara robusta tea had a higher pH of 6.33. After being processed into kombucha, the pH decreased. This decrease in pH was caused by the increasing total acid (Nurhayati *et al.*, 2021). Ayuratri and Kusnadi (2017) explained that during fermentation, yeast would remodel sucrose

into glucose and fructose. Glucose was converted to gluconic acid by acetic acid bacteria. Meanwhile, most of the fructose was converted to acetic acid and a small amount of gluconic acid. It was the breakdown of sucrose into organic acids that increased acid levels and at the same time lowers pH. This statement was also supported by Urbahillah (2018) which explained that yeast and bacteria broke down sucrose into organic acids such as gluconic acid and acetic acid during the fermentation process, so that the total acid increased and the pH decreased. The results of measuring the pH of kombucha cascara with different treatment factors for coffee skin types can be seen in Figure 4.4.



Description

A ₁	= Arabika husk	B ₁	= Concentration SCOBY 5%
A ₂	= Robusta husk	B ₂	= Concentration SCOBY 10%
		B ₃	= Concentration SCOBY 15%

Figure 4.4. Average pH value of kombucha cascara

Based on the calculation of the total titrated acid, kombucha cascara robusta had a higher acid content than kombucha cascara arabica, causing the pH of kombucha cascara robusta to be lower. This was in accordance with Adesokan *et al.* (2011) in Prastujati *et al.* (2018) which stated that the pH value of a fermented product was closely related to the acid content produced and had an inverse relationship with the total titrated acid where the higher the TAT value, the lower the pH value. The results of the 5% HSD test showed the effect of the coffee skin type treatment factor on the pH value of kombucha cascara which can be seen in Table 4.8.

Table 4.8. The results of the HSD further test 5% the effect of the coffee skin type treatment factor on the pH value of kombucha cascara

Coffee husk type	pH mean (%)	HSD 5% = 0.0922
A ₂ (Robusta husk)	12.65	a
A ₁ (Arabica husk)	14.40	b

Description: Numbers followed by the same letter in the same column indicate that the treatment was not significantly different

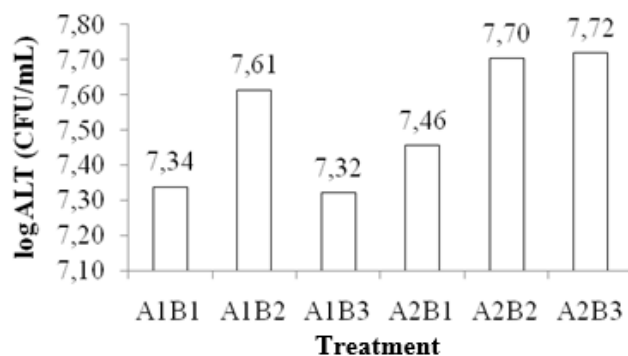
The results of the 5% HSD test (Table 4.8) showed that kombucha cascara arabica was significantly different from kombucha cascara robusta. This was related to the total titrated acid content of kombucha cascara robusta which was higher than the total titrated acid of kombucha cascara arabica in Table 4.2.

4.5. Total Plate Number

The total plate number or also called the total plate count was the number of mesophilic aerobic microorganisms per milliliter or per gram of sample determined using standard methods (BPOM RI, 2012). Villarreal-soto *et al.* (2018) reported that the number and types of microorganisms found in kombucha varied greatly. Jayabalan *et al.* (2014) added that the type and amount of microflora in kombucha varied greatly so that it cannot be determined absolutely what types were contained in it.

Based on the measurement of the total plate number, the total plate number of kombucha cascara ranged from log ALT 7.32 to 7.72 CFU/mL. Treatment factor A2B3 (kombucha cascara robusta fermented with 15% SCOBY concentration) had the highest ALT value of log 7.72 or 5.23×10^7 CFU/mL while the lowest ALT value was obtained by treatment A1B3 (kombucha cascara arabica fermented with SCOBY concentration). 15%) of log 7.32 or 2.09×10^7 CFU/mL.

Wistiana and Zubaidah (2015) in their research reported that the total kombucha microbes during fermentation ranged from 1.32×10^6 CFU/mL to 4.40×10^6 CFU/mL on day 8. Meanwhile, Sa'diyah and Lestari (2020) reported that the ALT value of kombucha tea fermented for 7 days was 79×10^3 CFU/mL. Fu *et al.* (2013) also stated that the average number of microorganisms in green tea kombucha was 2.49×10^7 CFU/mL.



Description

A ₁	= Arabika husk	B ₁	= Concentration SCOBY 5%
A ₂	= Robusta husk	B ₂	= Concentration SCOBY 10%
		B ₃	= Concentration SCOBY 15%

Figure 4.5. The average total plate number (CFU/mL) of kombucha cascara

The results of the analysis of the variance of the total plate number of kombucha cascara showed that treatment factor A (types of arabika and robusta coffee skin), treatment factor B (SCOBY concentration 5%, 10%, 15%) and the interaction of the two factors gave no significant effect on the total plate number of kombucha cascara. This could be influenced by the large variety of microflora in SCOBY used in kombucha fermentation.

Each microorganism and microflora had a different shape and size of the colony after incubation. In some samples it was possible to contain more microflora which made the colonies large so that the number of colonies that could be counted was low. Based on Hidayati (2019), there were at least 14 species of bacteria and 10 species of yeast in SCOBY. The bacteria in question included *Acetobacter xylinum* as the dominant bacterium, *Acetobacter aceti*, *Acetobacter pasteurianus*, *Gluconobacter*, *Brettanomyces*, *Brettanomyces bruxellensis*, *Brettanomyces intermedius*, *Candida*, *Candida fatama*, *Maycoderma*, *Mycotorula*, *Phichia*, and *Pichia membrana efaci*. While the yeasts in question included *Saccharomyces*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae subsp. Aceti*, *Scizoccharomyces*, *Torula*, *Torulaspora debruecki*, *Toruoplasis*, *Zygosaccharomyces*, *Zygosaccharomyces bailli*, and *Zigosaccharomyces rouziz*. According to Jamilah (2019), SCOBY contained at least some bacteria such as

Acetobacter xylinum, *Kenicuminoides*, *Picobacterium varicolus*, *Acetobacter sp.*., and *Pediococcus sp.*

In kombucha cascara robusta, the higher SCOBY concentration resulted in a higher total plate number. Based on Wistiana and Zubaidah (2015), this increase was caused by the presence of soluble solids in kombucha cascara such as sugar, amino acids and caffeine. These substances were used by microorganisms as a source of energy and nutrients so that the number of microorganisms increased. Meanwhile, the decrease in the number of microorganisms from A1B2 (fermented kombucha cascara arabica with 10% SCOBY concentration) to A1B3 (fermented kombucha cascara arabica with 15% SCOBY concentration) was due to the fermentation process producing organic acids, alcohol and other substances that could inhibit growth. microorganisms. In addition, the decrease in the total plate number in the A1B3 treatment was also influenced by the content of phenolic compounds formed in the fermentation process where the phenol content had antimicrobial properties that could inhibit the growth of microorganisms (Simanjuntak and Mutiara, 2016).

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1. Conclusions

The conclusions obtained from the results of this study were as follows:

1. Type of coffee husk, concentration of SCOBY and their interactions had a significant effect on total titrated acid and total dissolved solids of kombucha cascara.
2. The best treatment to get kombucha cascara with the best quality was A2B2 (robusta, 10% SCOBY) treatment with total phenol 93.18 GAE/mL, TAT 0.82%, TPT 3.80°Brix, pH 4.21, and ALT 5.04 CFU/mL.

5.2. Suggestions

The suggestion given for this research is that the sample preparation should be carried out directly by the researcher so that the preliminary treatment such as the length and temperature of drying of each type of coffee is uniform. Based on the results of the research that had been carried out, it is recommended to use the A2B2 treatment (type of robusta coffee, 10% SCOBY concentration) for product innovation of kombucha cascara. Further research that can be suggested is the identification of the type of acid present in kombucha, identification of microflora in kombucha, kombucha alcohol content test, the best fermentation time of kombucha cascara, and antimicrobial kombucha.

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