

1 **Optimization of enzymes addition to improve whole wheat**  
2 **bread making quality by response surface methodology and**  
3 **optimization technique**

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18 **Highlights**

19 Optimal amounts of enzymes required to improve bread making qualities (BMQ) were  
20 determined by response surface methodology (RSM).

21 Adding optimal amounts of enzymes maximized the BMQ of WWF dough and bread.

22 Combining RSM and optimization technique is an effective method to calculate the  
23 optimal amounts of enzymes to add.

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25 **Abstract**

1 The functional ingredients in whole wheat flour, such as dietary fiber, vitamins, and  
2 minerals, have beneficial health effects. However, the excessive amount of dietary fiber  
3 in whole wheat flour inhibits gluten network formation and diminishes bread making  
4 qualities (BMQ). Adding appropriate amounts of enzymes,  $\alpha$ -amylase (AM) and  
5 hemicellulase (HC), could be a solution to these problems. In this study, response  
6 surface methodology (RSM) created a RS model and Solver (Excel add-in software)  
7 calculated the optimal amounts of the enzymes. Adding optimum concentrations of AM  
8 and HC drastically improved BMQ (gas retention of dough, specific loaf volume, and  
9 bread staling) of whole wheat flour dough and bread compared to whole wheat flour  
10 dough and bread without the enzymes. These results show that combining RSM and  
11 Solver is an effective and reasonably easy method to determine optimal concentrations  
12 of enzymes to obtain the highest quality bread when using whole wheat flour.

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14 **Key words:** whole wheat flour, bread making quality, enzymes, response surface  
15 methodology

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## 18 **Introduction**

19 Whole wheat flour is derived by milling or grinding whole grain of wheat, which  
20 contains several functional compounds, such as dietary fiber (DF), vitamins, and  
21 minerals. These functional compounds have various positive effects on health such as  
22 reduced risk of cardiovascular diseases (Tucker et al. 2010), diabetes (Murtaugh et al.  
23 2003), and some cancers (Schatzkin et al. 2008; Nimptsch et al. 2011). In order to  
24 enhance the functionality of bread, whole wheat flour has been used for bread making.

25 As the characteristics of whole wheat flour are substantially different from those of

1 white wheat flour, whole wheat flour bread exhibits increased crumb firmness, dark  
2 crumb appearance and, in some cases, alters the taste of the bread (Bruckner et al.  
3 2001; Hung et al. 2007). In addition, an excessive amount of dietary fiber (DF),  
4 especially insoluble DF, inhibits the formation of the gluten network and decreases  
5 loaf volume (Lai et al. 1989). Thus, it is necessary to modify the bread making method  
6 or use certain additives to offset the disadvantages of making bread with whole wheat  
7 flour.

8 In this study, two kinds of enzymes,  $\alpha$ -amylase (AM) and hemicellulase (HC), were  
9 used as improvers (Caballero et al. 2007). These enzymes act on the damaged starch  
10 (DS) and insoluble DF. DS is generated by the physical damage that occurs during the  
11 milling process, which has a negative effect on the final bread quality. The most  
12 evident effects are the reduction of loaf volume and an increase in bread staling rate.  
13 On the other hand, it is possible to improve the bread making quality (BMQ) by adding  
14  $\alpha$ -amylase, which decomposes DS. In addition, insoluble DF plays a role in disrupting  
15 the formation of the gluten network, which diminishes BMQ, resulting in smaller and  
16 firmer bread (Wang et al. 2002). Hemicellulase decomposes insoluble DF, which also  
17 inhibits the formation of the gluten network, thus improving BMQ (Santiago et al.  
18 2015a).

19 A combination of several enzymes that specifically counteract each negative factor is  
20 more effective in improving BMQ compared to using an individual enzyme (Caballero  
21 et al. 2007; Santiago et al. 2015a; Santiago et al. 2015b; Matsushita et al. 2017).  
22 However, determining the optimal concentration of each enzyme is difficult and a time  
23 and labor intensive task due to the complex nature of the interactions among multiple  
24 enzymes. It requires the comparison of an enormous amount of data obtained for bread  
25 making quality parameters using various enzyme combinations.

1 Therefore, in this study, we adopted a central composite face-centered design (CCF)  
2 (Flander *et al.*, 2007) as a reasonable and effective method to acquire the evaluation  
3 data to determine the optimum amounts of multiple enzymes that would maximum the  
4 BMQ of dough with whole wheat flour. A response surface model (RSMd) was created  
5 using the data acquired, based on the CCF, and then the optimal amounts of multiple  
6 enzymes were determined by using an optimization technique (OT) with Solver (Excel  
7 add-in software). Finally, in order to validate the effectiveness of these methods, bread  
8 making experiments, with the optimal amounts of multiple enzymes, were conducted,  
9 and the effectiveness of each combination was verified from the bread making qualities  
10 of the dough and various evaluations of the bread.

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## 12 **Materials and Methods**

### 13 **Flour and enzymes used**

14 Camellia (Nisshin Flour Milling Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) and Zenryufun Kyoriki  
15 (Ebetsu Flour Milling Co., Ltd., Ebetsu, Japan) were used in this study. Two  
16 commercial enzymes were used: AM (Sumizyme AS) containing 1500  $\alpha$ -amylase U/g,  
17 and HC (Sumizyme SNX) containing 14,000 xylanase U/g. Both were manufactured  
18 by Shin Nihon Chemical Co., Ltd. (Anjo, Japan).

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### 20 **Optimal concentrations of added enzymes**

21 A central composite face-centered design (CCF), as reported by Flander *et al.* (2007),  
22 was used with two variables to determine optimal concentrations of enzymes. This  
23 CCF was composed of twelve experiments with four replicates at the center point  
24 (Table 1). The two variables optimized were AM (g/100 g flour) and HC (g/100 g  
25 flour). Experimental conditions (amounts of added enzymes) at the center point were

1 0.1 g/100 g flour for both AM and HC. Concentrations of both enzymes ranged from 0  
2 to 0.2 g/ 100 g flour. Then random bread making tests were done using various  
3 combinations of the amounts of the enzymes. In this study, specific loaf volume (SLV)  
4 was adopted as the response and the amounts of added enzymes (AM and HC) were  
5 the factors in analysis of RSM. The reason for choosing SLV as a response trait is that  
6 it is representative of BMQ. From the results of twelve CCF experiments, a RSMd, for  
7 a response and factors, was derived by multiple regression analysis. Selection of the  
8 explanatory variables of the RSMd was determined by the stepwise back selection  
9 method with a 2.0 F value as an index. Effectiveness of the model was assessed by  
10 verifying the factor effect and lack of fit with the analysis of variance (ANOVA).  
11 Optimal amounts of added enzymes were also determined with the model by using the  
12 Excel add-in software Solver. After the CCF experiments, bread making tests were  
13 conducted using a Control and whole wheat flour doughs with and without enzymes,  
14 and the effects on BMQ were evaluated in detail.

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#### 16 **Dough preparation and bread making**

17 The Control and whole wheat flour doughs were prepared according to the formula  
18 described by Matsushita et al. 2017. The optimal amount of water was determined using  
19 a Farinograph at 500 BU according to the method used by the AACCC (1991). Forty  
20 percent of the standard white wheat flour formulation used for the Control was replaced  
21 with whole wheat flour because it is the maximum percentage at which the BMQ can be  
22 improved with enzymes (Matsushita et al. 2017). The no-time method and the standard  
23 wheat bread formulation were employed (Yamauchi et al. 2001).

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#### 25 **Dough properties and bread evaluation**

1 The gas retention of dough (GRD) was evaluated by measuring the maximum  
2 expansion volume of 20 g of dough proofed at 38°C and 85% relative humidity (RH) in  
3 a cylinder subjected to 0 to 75 cmHg (Yamauchi et al. 2000). The gassing power (GP)  
4 of 20 g of dough after bench time was measured at 30°C for 1, 2, and 3 h using a  
5 Fermograph II (ATTO Co., Ltd.) (Santiago et al. (2015a). The SLV of bread, cooled at  
6 room temperature for 1 h after baking, was measured by the rapeseed-displacement  
7 method according to the AACCI (2000). Replicates of three doughs and loaves were  
8 prepared in a single bread making test to measure the GRD, GP and SLV, respectively.  
9 Photographs and images of the breads were recorded using the method reported by  
10 Santiago et al. (2015a). The color of the top bread crust and crumb was measured with a  
11 colorimeter (CR-400, Konica Minolta Sensing, Inc., Tokyo, Japan). Moisture content of  
12 the bread crumb samples, stored for 1 day in polyethylene bags, was measured using the  
13 official method of the AOAC (2000). The color values and moisture content of bread  
14 crumbs were measured from eight and ten slices of bread, respectively, from two loaves  
15 of the same replicate.

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### 17 **DS and DF analysis**

18 Sample preparation, before DS and DF analysis, was done according to the method  
19 reported by Santiago et al. (2015a). The DS content in dough was measured with a  
20 Megazyme assay kit (Megazyme International Ireland Ltd., Wicklow, Ireland) based on  
21 the method of Gibson et al. (1991). Neutral detergent fiber (NDF), which are cellulose,  
22 hemicellulose and lignin content and acid detergent fiber (ADF), which are cellulose  
23 and lignin content, were measured using the official AOAC (2000). The difference  
24 between NDF and ADF was calculated and used as a rough number for hemicellulose  
25 content. The DS and DF of doughs, after final proofing, were measured using eight and

1 four samples, respectively, of the same replicate.

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### 3 **Bread staling evaluation**

4 The temporal changes of crumb hardness were measured at 1, 2, and 3 days of storage  
5 (Yamauchi et al. 2001). The loaves were cut into 2 cm thick slices and a 3 x 3 cm  
6 square crumb was cut from the center. Using a creep meter (RE2-33005C; Yamaden  
7 Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan), the changes in temporal hardness of the bread crumbs were  
8 measured by compressing them with a special cube plunger (6 cm length x 6 cm width x  
9 2 cm height).

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### 11 **Statistical analysis**

12 The samples were prepared from the replicated bread making tests for all data  
13 measurements except, for water absorption. Significant differences, except for water  
14 absorption, were evaluated using Tukey's multiple range test at 5% significance level  
15 with Excel 2012.

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## 17 **Results and Discussion**

### 18 **Optimal concentrations of added enzymes**

19 The RSMd with SLV as the response and AM and HC as the factors, shown below was  
20 derived by multiple regression analysis based on the results of the twelve, bread  
21 making CCF experiments.

$$22 \quad Y=5.60X_1+4.35X_1-15.62X_1^2-16.07X_1X_2+4.85$$

23 where Y is SLV (ml/g); X<sub>1</sub> is concentration of AM (g/100 g flour); X<sub>2</sub> is concentration  
24 of HC (g/100 g flour). R<sup>2</sup> and adjusted R<sup>2</sup> in the model showed high values, 0.841 and  
25 0.751, respectively. Using ANOVA, the effectiveness and lack of fit were also assessed

1 and those were significant at 1% significance level and not significant at 5%  
2 significance level, respectively. These results clarified that this RSMd sufficiently  
3 estimates SLV when using two levels of added enzyme concentrations. Furthermore, the  
4 partial regression coefficients of  $X_1^2$  and  $X_1X_2$  explanatory variable on RSMd show  
5 minus values. Therefore, especially, when both enzymes are added to the dough in a  
6 large excess, these explanatory variables have the effect of largely lowering the BMQ  
7 (SLV). Since the magnitude of the partial regression coefficient on these explanatory  
8 variables is nearly same, it shows that when the enzymes are added excessively, the  
9 effect of decreasing SLV of both enzymes and AM is large.

10 The optimal concentrations of AM and HC, calculated using Solver, an Excel add-in  
11 software, were 0.128 and 0.1 g/100 g flour, respectively. In whole wheat flour dough,  
12 SLV increased with the amount of HC added, but the dough became very sticky and  
13 extremely difficult to handle, and the improving effect plateaued when added HC  
14 exceeded 0.1 g/100 g flour. Therefore, the optimum concentration of HC is 0.1 g/100 g  
15 flour.

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### 17 **BMQ evaluation**

18 BMQ of the Control dough, 40% of whole wheat flour (WWF) dough, and 40% of  
19 whole wheat flour with enzyme (WWF+E) dough are presented in Table 2. Although  
20 the WWF dough showed a lower GRD compared to the others, the GRD of the  
21 WWF+E dough was significantly the highest among all the samples.

22 Initially, GP of WWF and WWF+E doughs were lower than the Control at 1 h  
23 fermentation. At more than 2 h fermentation, the GP of these doughs were nearly same  
24 or significantly higher compared to the Control, respectively.

25 The WWF bread had significantly lower SLV than the others. On the other hand, the



1 SLV of the WWF+E bread was significantly the highest among all breads. The 5.66  
2 value of SLV of the WWF+E bread was very close to the 5.54 value calculated using  
3 the RSMd. The experiments verified the effectiveness of this model.

4 In terms of moisture content, there was no large difference among the samples, but  
5 WWF+E bread was significantly lower than the others. The main reason seems to be the  
6 large reduction in weight when baking WWF+E dough, which is related to the dough's  
7 significant expansion from the addition of enzymes.

8 Lower GRD and SLV of dough and WWF bread can be due to the higher amounts of  
9 DS and DF compared to the WWF+E (Table 4). It suggests that the excessive DF in  
10 whole wheat flour disrupts the gluten network formation in dough, resulting in a  
11 weaker gluten network (Lai et al. 1989; Wang et al. 2002; Ozboy and Koxsel 1997).

12 In terms of GRD and SLV, the WWF+E dough and bread had significantly the highest  
13 values among all the samples. This might be attributed to the combined catalytic  
14 activities of AM and HC that decreases DS and insoluble hemicellulose (equivalent to  
15 NDF-ADF) in the dough (Table 4). The Control dough and bread had higher GRD and  
16 SLV values despite having high DS content (4.16%) which might be attributed to the  
17 lower values of total DF (equivalent to NDF), especially hemicellulose (equivalent to  
18 NDF-ADF) compared to the WWF dough. The GP of WWF and WWF+E doughs were  
19 significantly higher than the Control at 3 h fermentation. This may be related to that  
20 high concentrations of various nutrients in WWF promote fermentation of yeast.

21 Regarding the effect of each added enzyme, AM hydrolyzes damaged and gelatinized  
22 starch in to maltose and dextrin in dough. Kim et al. (2006) reported that the high  
23 amounts of DS and DF decreased SLV of bread made with polished wheat flour, but  
24 SLV was increased by the addition of AM. Patel et al. (2012) also had a similar  
25 observation that the addition of fungal AM increased SLV in chemically leavened

1 bread. Likewise, Jiang et al. (2005) reported that HC catalyzes the degradation of  
2 polysaccharides into mono-sugars and short chain saccharides, resulting in superior  
3 gluten network formation. The catalytic activity of HC may have led to higher GRD  
4 and SLV in WWF+E dough and bread compared to those with WWF. The addition of  
5 xylanase, a kind of HC enzyme, improved SLV of whole wheat flour bread (Shah et al.  
6 2006), and a millet/wheat composite bread (Schoenlechner et al. 2013).

7 From these findings, it is reasonable to expect drastic improvements of GRD and SLV  
8 in WWF+E dough and bread.

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#### 10 **Bread color and appearance**

11 Table 3 shows the results of the bread color measurement. In terms of crust color, the  
12 Control bread had the highest values of L\*, a\* and b\* among all samples. The addition  
13 of WWF decreased the values of L\*, a\* and b\*. In addition, all values of the WWF+E  
14 were significantly lower than the Control.

15 In terms of crumb color, the addition of WWF significantly decreased the value of L\*,  
16 while it significantly increased the values of a\* and b\*. L\* values of crumb significantly  
17 decreased in descending order of the Control, WWF, and WWF+E. The a\* value of the  
18 Control crumb was significantly lower compared to WWF and WWF+E breads. The b\*  
19 values significantly increased in the order of Control, WWF+E, and WWF.

20 Figure 1 shows the bread and crumb images. The addition of whole wheat flour made  
21 the external color darker; especially the color of WWF+E bread was darker compared  
22 to the Control. The crumbs of WWF and WWF+E breads were darker compared to the  
23 Control crumb. The loaf size of WWF bread was smaller than the Control, while the  
24 WWF+E bread was obviously larger than the Control. These results were congruent  
25 with the SLV data presented in Table 2.

1 The crust color of WWF bread was darker than the Control. In addition, the WWF+E  
2 bread was darker compared to the Control and WWF breads (Fig. 1), which  
3 corresponded with its lower L\* values (Table 3). The values of redness and yellowness  
4 in crust were also significantly decreased by the addition of enzymes compared to  
5 WWF bread, which is evidenced by the lower a\* and b\* values of crust (Table 3).  
6 These results show that bread with WWF+E was inferior in regard to excessive  
7 darkness of the crust. Goesaert et al. (2009) reported that the addition of AM increased  
8 concentrations of reducing sugars, such as glucose and fructose, resulting in the  
9 enhancement of the Maillard reaction.

10 The natural dark brown color of wheat bran makes bread crumb color darker in WWF  
11 and WWF+E breads, which results in the reduction in the L\* value and the increase in  
12 a\* and b\* (Table 3). However, the L\* value of WWF+E bread crumb was significantly  
13 lower compared to that of WWF bread crumb. These results show that WWF+E has  
14 decreased L\* values of the bread crumb which makes it slightly inferior to the WWF  
15 bread crumb.

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#### 17 **DS and DF contents of dough**

18 Table 4 shows the DS content and DF composition of doughs from different treatments.  
19 The Control had significantly higher DS content than the others. The WWF dough had  
20 a lower value than the Control but significantly higher than the WWF+E dough. The  
21 addition of an optimal amount of enzymes decreased the amounts of DS in dough,  
22 therefore the WWF+E dough had significantly lower DS content than those of other  
23 samples.

24 Table 4 also shows the DF content of the various doughs. The WWF and WWF+E  
25 doughs had significantly higher values than the Control dough except for the

1 NDF-ADF of WWF+E dough. Furthermore, the values of WWF+E dough were lower  
2 than that of WWF dough except for ADF. In addition, NDF-ADF of WWF+E dough  
3 was significantly lower compared to that of WWF dough.

4 The higher DS contents of dough without the enzymes can be associated with the  
5 amounts of DS generated due to the physical damages during the milling process.  
6 Excess amounts of DS causes undesirable effects on BMQ (Santiago et al. 2015a;  
7 Yamauchi et al. 2014). The WWF+E dough had significantly lower DS than the others,  
8 which can be related to the enzymatic activity of AM.

9 From Table 4, WWF dough had higher DF content (NDF, ADF, and NDF-ADF), since  
10 whole wheat flour contains high amounts of DF. Generally, excess DF negatively  
11 effects the formation of the optimal gluten network, resulting in the reduction of GRD  
12 and SLV. Conversely, WWF+E dough showed lower DF content, except for ADF,  
13 which was attributable to the xylanase activity of HC, compared to WWF dough. HC  
14 hydrolyzes DF, such as xylan and arabinoxylan, resulting in low NDF content and  
15 crude hemicellulose (NDF-ADF) in the WWF+E dough (Stojceska and Ainsworth  
16 2008; Jiang et al. 2005).

17 Ultimately, the improvement of GRD and SLV of bread treated with the optimal  
18 amount of enzymes can be associated with the reduction of the amounts of DS and DF  
19 (mainly pentosan, an insoluble hemicellulose).

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## 21 **Hardness of bread**

22 Figure 2 shows staling of breads from different treatments during 3-day storage. The  
23 WWF bread showed a significantly higher value than that of WWF+E bread at 1-day  
24 storage. The Control and WWF+E breads showed similar values. The hardness of the  
25 Control and the WWF breads had similar values and were significantly higher than

1 WWF+E bread at 2-day storage. WWF bread had significantly the highest value of  
2 hardness among all samples at 3-day storage, while the WWF+E bread had a  
3 significantly lower value than the others.

4 There are various factors which relate to the temporal changes in crumb hardness  
5 during the storage: retrogradation rate of gelatinized starch gel (GSG), the contents of  
6 DS and insoluble pentosan, and SLV.

7 The AM mainly breaks down DS and GSG in dough into low molecular weight  
8 dextrans, and oligo-saccharides during bread making. In addition, the endogenous  
9  $\beta$ -amylase in wheat flour converts the saccharides into maltose. These complementary  
10 functions during the bread making process bring about partial decompositions of DS  
11 and GSG. As a result, AM increases the content of low molecular weight saccharides  
12 (LMWSs) in bread. It was reported that these LMWSs retard the retrogradation of  
13 GSG and reduce the amount of available starch for the retrogradation in bread (Duran  
14 et al. 2001; Palacios et al. 2004; Goesaert et al. 2009). Caballero et al. (2007) and  
15 Palacios et al. (2004) also reported that the AM has an anti-staling effect on bread  
16 during the storage. Martin and Hoseney (1991) and Palacios et al. (2004) suggested  
17 that the partially decomposed starch gel has a lower retrogradation rate. Moreover, the  
18 LMWSs produced by the AM hydrolysis in the dough interfere with the starch- protein  
19 interactions, resulting in few and weak crosslinks between the starch and protein, and a  
20 reduction of hardening rate of the bread (Martin and Hoseney 1991; Martin et al. 1991).

21 The SLV of WWF+E bread was significantly larger than the others (Table 2 and Fig.  
22 2). It has also been reported that the staling rate clearly decreases when there is a large  
23 SLV (Maleki et al. 1980).

24 The insoluble pentosan in dough interferes with the formation of a desirable gluten  
25 network, and HC attacks the insoluble pentosan, resulting in the improvement of BMQ.

1 It was reported that the addition of HC improved SLV and increased LMWSs in dough  
2 (Caballero et al. 2007; Matsushita et al. 2017; Ghoshal et al. 2013). The WWF+E  
3 dough had significantly lower amounts of crude hemicellulose (NDF-ADF) than WWF  
4 dough (Table 4).

5 From these findings, it seems the main factors concerning the suppression of staling in  
6 the WWF+E bread is that the enzymes decompose DS and insoluble pentosan and  
7 strengthen the gluten network , which promote high SLV, and the enzymes produce the  
8 LMWSs that retard starch gel retrogradation in the bread.

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## 10 **Overall BMQ**

11 This study established that a treatment with an optimal amount of AM and HC  
12 drastically improves BMQ of whole wheat flour dough and bread. The most improved  
13 properties of BMQ were GRD and SLV, which increased, and the suppression of bread  
14 staling (Table 2 and Fig. 2). These WWF+E dough and bread properties were  
15 significantly improved compared to those of WWF dough and bread, which were also  
16 significantly better than the Control. On the other hand, a negative effect of the  
17 treatment was a reduction in the bread color evaluation, especially a decrease in L\*  
18 value of crust, (Table 3). In the WWF bread, the decrease in L\* value of the bread was  
19 comparable to the Control and was considered to be an acceptable characteristic.  
20 However, the addition of enzymes resulted in increased browning of the bread crust, an  
21 effect of promoting the Maillard reaction during the baking process, and lowering the  
22 bread color evaluation. This seems to be a negative effect of adding enzymes. In this  
23 study, the optimal amounts of enzymes (AM and HC) were derived using SLV as a  
24 response in an RSM and OT. The optimal value calculated for SLV using the RSMd  
25 was 5.54, which corresponded to the actual experimental value of 5.66, which validates

1 this model to some extent. There is a limit to optimizing bread making conditions  
2 using SLV as an index of optimum bread quality because degradation in crust color, a  
3 negative trait, was obtained when using enzymes in this study. Based the findings,  
4 combining RSM and OT is effective method for the optimizing bread making  
5 conditions. To more effectively use this method in the future, it will be necessary to  
6 create an overall index that integrates SLV, bread color, and staling suppression as  
7 indicators of BMQ.

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### 9 **Conclusion**

10 Although the high amounts of DF in whole wheat flour have good functionality, it  
11 decreases bread making properties. The insoluble pentosan of DF interferes with the  
12 formation of the gluten network, resulting in the reduction of GRD and SLV, and the  
13 acceleration of staling rate during the storage. The addition of optimal amounts of  
14 enzymes (AM and HC) solved these problems. These changes can be attributed to the  
15 degradation of DS and hemicellulose (mainly insoluble pentosan) into soluble low  
16 molecular weight saccharides which do not negatively influence the formation of the  
17 gluten network. As a result, the addition of optimal amounts of enzymes enables the  
18 production of satisfactory whole wheat flour bread which has a large amount of DF  
19 and several desirable BMQ, such as high GRD and SLV, and a suppressed staling rate.  
20 The findings suggest that the combination of RSM and OT (Solver) are an effective  
21 method for establishing optimum conditions for bread making with whole wheat flour.

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18 **Figure Caption**

19 **Figure 1.** The appearance and scanned crumb images of breads: the Control, WWF, and  
20 WWF+E <sup>a</sup>

21 <sup>a</sup> WWF: whole wheat flour, E, enzymes. Optimal amounts of enzymes,  $\alpha$ -amylase and  
22 hemicellulase, were added to WWF+E dough.

23 **Figure 2.** Temporal hardness changes of bread crumbs: the Control, WWF, and  
24 WWF+E during storage <sup>a</sup>

25 <sup>a</sup> WWF: whole wheat flour, E: enzymes. Optimal amounts of enzymes,  $\alpha$ -amylase and

1 hemicellulase, were added to WWF+E dough. The vertical bar is the standard deviation  
2 of each value (n=8). The symbols followed by different letters are significantly different  
3 (p<0.05). ○: Control, △: WWF, □: WWF+E.  
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1 **Table 1.** Central composite face-centered design on scaled values and actual  
 2 concentrations of AM and HC <sup>a</sup>

Run"	Scaled value <sup>b</sup>		Actual concentration	
	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	AM (g/100 g flour)	HC (g/100 g flour)
1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
2	0.0	-1.0	0.1	0.0
3	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	+1.0	0.1	0.2
5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
6	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
7	+1.0	+1.0	0.2	0.2
8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
9	-1.0	+1.0	0.0	0.2
10	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
11	+1.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
12	+1.0	-1.0	0.2	0.0

3 <sup>a</sup> Scaled values and actual concentrations of AM and HC are shown.

4 AM :  $\alpha$ -amylase, HC : hemicellulase.

5 <sup>b</sup> X<sub>1</sub>= (AM-0.1)/0.1, where the actual concentration of AM ranged from 0.0 to 0.2/100  
 6 g flour, X<sub>2</sub>= (HC-0.1)/0.1, where the actual concentration of HC ranged from 0.0 to  
 7 0.2/100 g flour

1 **Table 2.** Bread making qualities of doughs: the Control, WWF, and WWF+E <sup>a</sup>

Bread making treatments	Water absorption (%)	GRD (ml)	GP (ml)			SLV (ml/g)	Moisture content of crumb <sup>b</sup> (%)
			1h	2h	3h		
Control	68	105.0 ± 10.0 b	28.4 ± 0.6 a	62.5 ± 1.6 a	92.9 ± 0.8 b	4.95 ± 0.14 b	42.05 ± 1.22 a
WWF	69	95.6 ± 7.7 b	27.1 ± 1.8 a	62.2 ± 3.2 a	99.4 ± 3.1 a	4.59 ± 0.11 c	42.10 ± 0.51 a
WWF+E	69	121.9 ± 6.1 a	26.6 ± 1.4 a	61.2 ± 3.2 a	99.6 ± 2.5 a	5.66 ± 0.24 a	41.56 ± 0.42 b

2 <sup>a</sup> GRD: gas retention of dough, GP: gassing power of dough, SLV: specific loaf volume, WWF: whole wheat flour, E: enzymes. Optimal amounts of enzymes,  
3  $\alpha$ -amylase and hemicellulase, were added to WWF+E dough. Each value, except for water absorption, is the mean  $\pm$  SD (the others: n=6, moisture content of crumb:  
4 n=10). The values followed by different letters within a column are significantly different (p<0.05).

5 <sup>b</sup> Moisture content of crumb was measured with the samples stored 1 day into polyethylene bags after baking.

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1 **Table 3.** Color of the breads: the Control, WWF, and WWF+E <sup>a</sup>

**Table 3.** Color of breads made from doughs of Control, WWF and WWF+E <sup>1)</sup>

Bread making treatments	Bread crust color			Bread crumb color		
	L* (-)	a* (-)	b* (-)	L* (-)	a* (-)	b* (-)
Control	49.31 ± 1.16 a	16.71 ± 0.12 a	31.22 ± 1.53 a	81.12 ± 1.21 a	-2.48 ± 0.09 b	9.32 ± 0.17 c
WWF	48.67 ± 0.79 a	15.26 ± 0.31 b	29.28 ± 1.11 a	75.14 ± 1.33 b	-0.41 ± 0.29 a	11.65 ± 0.51 a
WWF+E	41.75 ± 0.60 b	14.83 ± 0.26 c	22.12 ± 0.70 b	70.11 ± 1.56 c	-0.51 ± 0.13 a	10.76 ± 0.55 b

2 <sup>a</sup> WWF: whole wheat flour, E: enzymes, L\*: level of lightness, a\*: level of redness, b\*: level of yellowness. Optimal amounts of enzymes,  
3  $\alpha$ -amylase and hemicellulase, were added to WWF+E dough. Each value is the mean  $\pm$  SD (n=8). The values followed by different letters  
4 within a column are significantly different (p<0.05).

1 **Table 4.** DS and DF contents of doughs: the Control, WWF, and WWF+E <sup>a</sup>

Bread making treatments	DS (%)	NDF (%)	ADF (%)	NDF-ADF (%)
Control	4.16 ± 0.48 a	0.59 ± 0.17 b	0.44 ± 0.13 b	0.15 ± 0.09 c
WWF	3.73 ± 0.39 b	2.29 ± 0.28 a	1.19 ± 0.08 a	1.10 ± 0.21 a
WWF+E	2.01 ± 0.07 c	1.85 ± 0.28 a	1.24 ± 0.08 a	0.62 ± 0.22 b

2 <sup>a</sup> WWF: whole wheat flour, E: enzymes, DS: damaged starch, NDF: neutral detergent  
3 fiber, ADF: acid detergent fiber, NDF-ADF: crude hemicellulose content. Optimal  
4 amounts of enzymes,  $\alpha$ -amylase and hemicellulase, were added to WWF+E dough.  
5 Each value is the mean  $\pm$  SD (DS: n=8, the others: n=4). The values followed by  
6 different letters within a column are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ).

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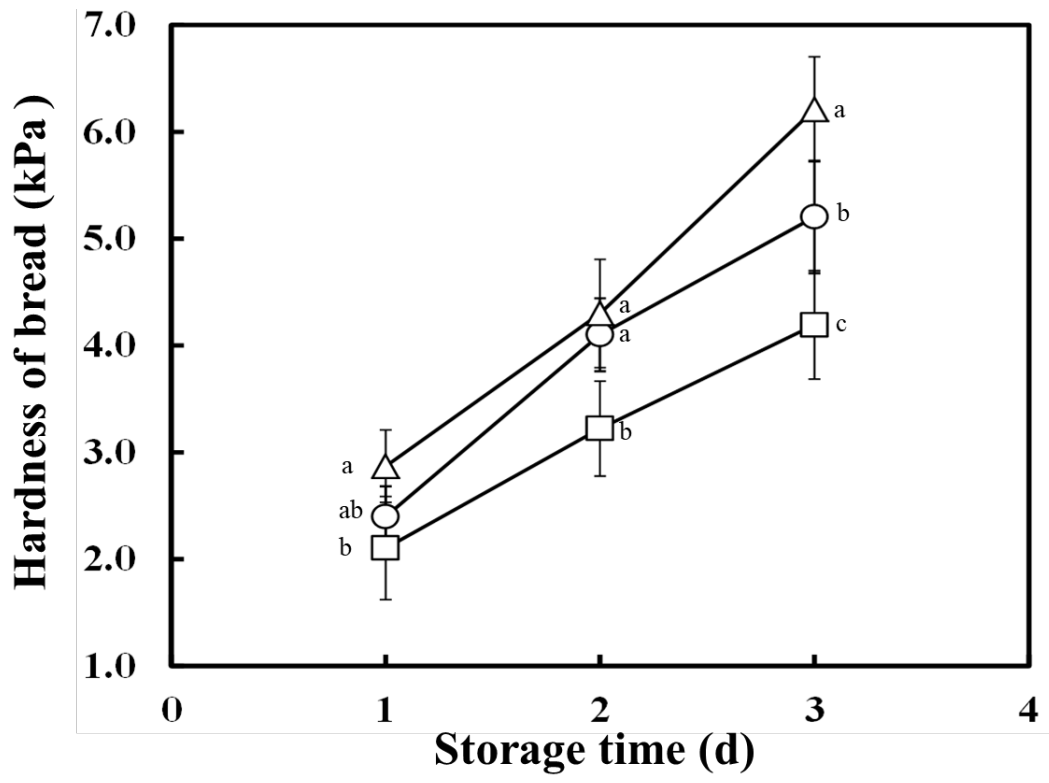


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