

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

**Açaí Seeds (*Euterpe oleracea* Mart) are Agroindustrial Wastes with High Potential to Produce
Low-Cost Substrates after Acid Hydrolysis**

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Supplementary Table 1. Total reducing sugars (TRS) and Combined Severity Factor (CSF) obtained during the Central Composite Rotational Design (CCRD) runs for the acid hydrolysis of açai seeds using phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4).

Level of independent variables				Dependent variable	
Runs	X_1	X_2	X_3	H_3PO_4	
				CSF	TSR (g/L)
1	1 (-1)	30 (-1)	5 (-1)	0.96	2.93
2	4 (+1)	30 (-1)	5 (-1)	1.12	3.93
3	1 (-1)	90 (+1)	5 (-1)	1.43	4.59
4	4 (+1)	90 (+1)	5 (-1)	1.59	7.13
5	1 (-1)	30 (-1)	20 (+1)	0.96	11.92
6	4 (+1)	30 (-1)	20 (+1)	1.12	15.32
7	1 (-1)	90 (+1)	20 (+1)	1.43	22.13
8	4 (+1)	90 (+1)	20 (+1)	1.59	33.97
9	0 (-1.68)	60 (0)	12.5 (0)	NC	9.62
10	5 (+1.68)	60 (0)	12.5 (0)	1.48	30.07
11	2.5 (0)	9.54 (-1.68)	12.5 (0)	0.55	11.04
12	2.5 (0)	110 (+1.68)	12.5 (0)	1.61	22.77
13	2.5 (0)	60 (0)	0.1 (-1.68)	1.35	< LOD
14	2.5 (0)	60 (0)	25 (+1.68)	1.35	29.51
15	2.5 (0)	60 (0)	12.5 (0)	1.35	20.00
16	2.5 (0)	60 (0)	12.5 (0)	1.35	22.19
17	2.5 (0)	60 (0)	12.5 (0)	1.35	21.29

X_1 : Acid concentration (% , w/v). X_2 : Hydrolysis time (min). X_3 : Solids concentration (% , w/v).

< LOD: below the limite of detection. NC: Combined Severity factor not calculated given the 0% diluted acid concentration.

Supplementary Table 2. t and p value at 90% confidence for the studied parameters in the experimental design.

Factor	t value (TRS)	p value (TRS)	t value (HMF)	p value (HMF)	t value (Solubilized mas)	p value (Solubilized mas)
Mean/Interaction	171.6399	0.000034	92.8866	0.000116	82.2134	0.000148
X₁ (Linear)	87.2050	0.000131	176.2357	0.000032	43.2951	0.000533
X₁ (Quadratic)	-39.2657	0.000648	13.7007	0.005285	-1.2569	0.335682
X₂ (Linear)	79.0235	0.000160	155.0748	0.000042	22.6748	0.001939
X₂(Quadratic)	-19.8918	0.002518	32.6532	0.000937	1.4774	0.277625
X₃(Linear)	160.2199	0.000039	118.1064	0.000072	14.9800	0.004427
X₃(Quadratic)	-24.3874	0.001677	-15.4188	0.004180	-22.5319	0.001964
X₁ by X₂	14.9660	0.004435	114.0549	0.000077	5.3606	0.033082
X₁ by X₃	44.1388	0.000513	105.7494	0.000089	2.4573	0.133285
X₂ by X₃	44.9127	0.000495	80.6162	0.000154	3.0580	0.092360

Supplementary Table 3 – ANOVA (10% significance) for the adequacy of the quadratic response surface models to determine the contents of total reducing sugars (TRS), hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) and solubilized mass (SM) after acid hydrolysis of dried açai seeds with H₂SO₄.

Variation source	Sum of squares	Degrees of freedom	Mean Square	F _{value}	R ²
TRS (g/L) = 47.83+11.47X₁-5.73X₁²+10.37X₂-2.88X₂²+21.10X₃-3.58X₃²+2.56X₁X₂+7.55X₁X₃+7.69X₂X₃					
Regression	10659.8	9	1184.4	20.11	0.96
Residue	412.2	7	58.9		
Lack of fit	411.71	5	82.343	351.09	
Pure error	0.47	2	0.235		
Total	11072.00	16			
HMF (g/L) = 69.81+62.51X₁+5.39X₁²+ 54.90X₂+12.75X₂²+ 41.96X₃-6.11X₃²+52.66X₁X₂+48.33X₁X₃+37.22X₂X₃					
Regression	173051.3	9	19227.70	6.92	0.89
Residue	19452.5	7	2779.07		
Lack of fit	19449.1	5	9.8863	2280.57	
Pure error	3.4	2	2.9883		
Total	192503.8	16			
SM (%) = 36.08+9.14X₁+ 4.77X₂+3.17X₃-5.32X₃²+1.47X₁X₂+0.84X₂X₃					
Regression	1955.5	9	217.27	1.93	0.71
Residue	786.4	7	112.34		
Lack of fit	785.2	5	157.0	260.15	
Pure error	1.207	2	0.604		
Total	2741.8	16			

F_{0.1; 9; 7} = 2.72; F_{0.1; 5; 2} = 9.29 (F = Tabulated value from Fisher test). The mathematical models were considered significant ($p \leq 0.1$) when the regression F_{values} were three times higher than F_{tabulated} and as predicted when the lack of fit F_{values} were lower than the F_{tabulated} value.

Supplementary Figure 1 – Profiles for the predicted values and desirability function used to predict the contents of total reducing sugars (TRS), hydroxymethyl furfural (HMF) and solubilized mass at the chosen best condition for the acid hydrolysis of dried açai seeds: with 3.5% H₂SO₄ + 25% solids during 70 min in autoclave.

