

Immobilization of Olive β -glucosidase on to superparamagnetic nanoparticles and its characterization

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Covalently binding of Olive β -glucosidase that active on the main olive phenolic glycosides, to superparamagnetic magnetite nanoparticles via carbodiimide activation was investigated and presented in this study. The properties of immobilized enzyme were investigated and compared to those of free enzyme. β -Glucosidase was purified from Edremit variety olive (*Olea europea* spp.) samples using ammonium sulfate precipitation and hydrophobic interaction chromatography (Sephacrose 4B, L-tyrosine, 1-Naphthylamine) and magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles were prepared by co-precipitation Fe^{+2} and Fe^{+3} ions in an ammonia solution at room temperature. Characterization of superparamagnetic particles was carried out by X-ray diffraction (XRD) and the magnetic measurements showed that the nanoparticles are magnetite and superparamagnetic, respectively. The immobilized enzyme showed higher activity than non-immobilized enzyme. The effects of various parameters such as pH, temperature, and storage stability on kinetic parameters of the immobilized enzyme were also investigated. Kinetic parameters of the immobilized enzyme were also evaluated. Thermal and storage stability experiments were carried out. It was observed that the immobilized enzyme had longer storage stability and % of its initial activity during 30 days.