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ABSTRACT

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The thesis work was written to develop a process design and a business plan for the production of omega-3 soft capsules from candlenut oil. This work content about market research of the omega-3 products, production plan, material balance, energy balance, specification of the machines until the economical analysis. This thesis work was completed by using the information from previous studies, journals, experiment and experience/knowledge throughout the studies. Malnutrition has been one of the health concerns for children in Indonesia and one of the causes is lack of omega-3 intake. In this process research development, candlenut oil as the source of omega-3 oil can be developed into supplement capsules. On working with this process design development, it is found that the process could be done by using sorting, cold press (oil extraction) method, centrifugation (separation), mixing, capsuling, drying, inspection, polishing and packaging. The candlenut oil will be added with vitamin E (alpha-tocopherol) to act as an antioxidant and filled into soft capsules. By using these processes and producing omega-3 soft capsule supplements, the unsaturated fatty acid content in the candlenut oil can be maintained (from oxidation).

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