## EXTRACTION AND CHARACTERISATION OF GELATIN FROM RED STINGRAY FISH (Dasyatis akajei) SKIN

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#### ABSTRACT

## EXTRACTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF GELATIN FROM RED STINGRAY FISH (Dasyatis akajei) SKIN

Gelatin from the skin of red stingray fish (*Dasyatis akajei*) pretreated with.0.2 M acetic acid and extracted with distilled water at 45 °C for five different extraction times (4, 8, 12, 16 and 20 hrs) were characterized. The yield ranged from 0.081-0.136% (wet weight basis). The protein content ranged from 10.33-35.33%. The viscosity of the extracted gelatins ranged from 0.277-0.708 Pa.s. The gel strength ranged from 241.07-381.40 g. Yield, protein content and viscosity increased significantly (p<0.05) as the extraction time increased. However, gel strength of gelatin decreased significantly (p<0.05) as the extraction time increased. Those properties were governed by different extraction times. Thus, gelatin can be successfully extracted from the skin of red stingray fish (*Dasyatis akajei*) using the appropriate extraction time.