

INVESTIGATIONS ON FLAX SEED LIGHT INFECTION AND MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT:

Flaxseed is a great supply of phytochemicals that have a range of bioactive properties, such as antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and antioxidant benefits. Fermentation and germination have been widely employed to reduce anti-nutritional components in food and boost the bioavailability of nutrients. The most common extraction techniques used to obtain plant antioxidants are solvent and ultrasonic aided methods. The antioxidant activity of plant extracts is strongly influenced by the kind of extracting solvent used as well as the chemical composition of the isolated components. The protein hydrolysate that is produced from it has more nutritious value than the original protein. The most used method for hydrolyzing proteins is enzymatic hydrolysis. Because they have so many applications, phytochemicals have attracted a lot of attention recently. They have antioxidant, anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory, and anti-cancer properties. Because consumers want healthier alternatives, plant-based diets are rapidly taking the place of animal-based diets. Spread butter derived from different seeds has phytochemicals that may provide protection against colon, prostate, and breast cancer.

1 Introduction

Linseed, or flaxseed, is an annual plant that yields tiny, flat seeds with a nutty flavor and crispy texture. The family Linaceae includes flaxseed, often referred to as Alsi or Jawas in Indian language, which is a rabi crop. More

than 50 nations grow it now, the most of them are in the Northern Hemisphere. The top four countries that produce flax are China, India, the United States, and Canada. According to archaeological evidence, flaxseed has been farmed for thousands of years, making it one of the

oldest crops. Worldwide, flaxseed is cultivated for its oil or fiber properties; the oil is obtained from the seed of linseed variations, while the fiber linen is extracted from the stem of fiber kinds (Diederichsen and Richards, 2003; Vaisey-Genser). Humans have grown and eaten flaxseed since ancient times because of its high nutritional content and therapeutic advantages. Given that it contains around 40% oil, it is a crop valued commercially for oil seeds. An embryo or germ, two cotyledons, and a hull make up the three main anatomical components of flaxseed, which have approximate relative proportions of 4%, 55%, and 36%.

A thick layer of seed coat and a thin endosperm make up the flaxseed hull. The seed is smooth and shiny, flat and oval, and has a pointy tip. Its color ranges from light yellow to medium reddish-brown. The quantity of pigment in the exterior seed coat determines the color of the seed; the more pigment present, the darker the color (Coskuner and Karababa, 2007a). The approximate measurements of flaxseeds are 3.0-6.4 mm in length, 0.5-1.6 mm in thickness, and 1.8-3.4 mm in breadth. Fiber flaxseeds often have smaller dimensions than oily flaxseeds. Before designing and building post-harvest handling and

processing equipment, a few physical characteristics of the seeds must be taken into account. The physical characteristics of agricultural commodities influence their handling, processing, storage, and consumption. According to Masoumi and Tabil (2003), they are necessary for the planning of planting, harvesting, post-harvest handling, and processing processes. Equipment linked to aeration, drying, storage, and transportation must be designed with consideration for gravimetric qualities such as density, porosity, and seed weight. True density is helpful for separation equipment, whereas bulk density establishes the capacity of storage and transportation systems. In order to model and develop a variety of heat and mass transfer processes, including drying, heating, frying, chilling, and extrusion, porosity data is necessary.

Protein, fat, and dietary fiber are abundant in flaxseed, while carbohydrate content is low. Whole flaxseed typically has the following composition: 30-41% fat, 20-35% dietary fiber, 20-30% protein, 4-8% moisture, 3-4% ash, and 1% simple sugar. It is also an excellent source of minerals, amino acids, and vitamins A, B, C, D, and E. Variations in genetics or

cultivars, growing location, harvest time, environment, and processing and analytical techniques account for the majority of the variance in the chemical content of flaxseed. In addition to its conventional chemical applications, flaxseed is becoming more and more known as a functional dietary component for products that support human nutrition. Consumer demand for functional and health foods with greater levels of minerals, fiber, and antioxidants has increased as a result of awareness of therapeutic nutrition (Goswami). Flaxseed has newfound potential as a functional food due to consumers' increasing demand for foods that provide exceptional health advantages. Flaxseed's physiologically active ingredients, such as lignans, phenolic acids, and alpha-linolenic acid, are primarily responsible for its health benefits (Hosseinian ; Tarpila et al. Flaxseed's essential fatty acids, omega-3 and omega-6, have been linked to its nutraceutical and health advantages (Bozan and Temelli, 2008). Because flaxseed has positive effects on health, it may be a valuable component of functional foods that are eaten on a regular basis (Aliani et al., 2011). Due to several studies on its advantages for human health, particularly its ability to

lower the risk of certain illnesses, it is now seeing a boom in popularity (Oomah and Mazza, 2000). Soluble and insoluble fiber make up the substantial quantity of indigestible carbohydrates found in flaxseed. Flaxseed gum, viscous fiber, and flaxseed mucilage are less frequent names for the soluble fiber found in flaxseed. When flaxseed is wetted, it readily leaches out of the outermost layer of the hull to produce a viscous layer (Susheelamma). Flaxseed's high mucilage content, which makes about 3–9% of the whole seed, is one of its most notable characteristics (Fedeniuk and Biliaderis). 50–80% carbs, 4–20% proteins, and 3–9% ash make up its composition (Oomah). High molecular weight water soluble heteropolysaccharides make up flaxseed mucilage. Galactose (12–16%), xylose (19–38%), rhamnose (11–16%), galacturonic acid (21–36%), arabinose (8–13%), and glucose (4–6%) make up the polysaccharides (Fedeniuk and Biliaderis,. They exist in two forms: a neutral (galacto)-arabinoxylan form and an acidic, pectin-like rhamnogalacturonan form, with the ratios of each form varying depending on the cultivar. Numerous businesses may find extensive applications for these

heteropolymers and other naturally occurring polysaccharides.

In the field of functional foods, flaxseed is being recognized as one of the primary suppliers of bioactive compounds. Flaxseed is a vital source of lignans and one of the best sources of α -linolenic acid and high-grade soluble fiber (Zhang et al., 2009). Total dietary fiber content (20–28%) is high in flaxseed, and consuming more dietary fiber is linked to a decreased risk of developing a number of malignancies. Excellent rheological qualities, such as thickening, emulsification, and gelling, are possessed by flaxseed mucilage, which is used as an addition in the food business. Wannerberger stated that the rheological characteristics of mucilage derived from various flax cultivars vary. Gum arabic and flaxseed mucilage operate similarly (Mazza and Biliaderis, 1989; BeMiller, 1993). Nevertheless, there are very few reports of the use of flaxseed mucilage in other contexts or the advancement of its products.

For diabetics, consuming flaxseed mucilage lowers blood sugar and cholesterol and may even prevent postprandial lipemia. The conjugated, free, and soluble forms of bioactive compounds must be liberated by the use of ideal experimental conditions, such as

extraction duration, temperature, and appropriate solvents (Adom et al. Liyana-Pathirana and Shahidi; Madhujith and Shahidi, 2009; Chandrasekara and Shahidi). Within the kingdom of plants, phenolic compounds are a class of phytochemicals that are extensively dispersed. Phenolics are essentially divided into two groups: Nonflavonoids (phenolic acids, phenolic alcohols, and stilbenes) and flavonoids (flavonols, flavones, flavanones, catechins, isoflavonoids, and anthocyanidins). Due to their purported antioxidant qualities and potential contributions to the prevention of several illnesses, including cancer and cardiovascular disorders, phenolic acids of the nonflavonoid group are of utmost importance to researchers and the food industry. It has been shown that harvest, climate, agronomic practices, and postharvest factors like food processing may all significantly affect the kind and concentration of bioactive chemicals, such as phenolic compounds. Numerous phenolic components, including phenolic acids, flavonoids, phenylpropanoids, and tannins, are abundant in flaxseed.

2 Literature survey

Natural bioactive substances have been increasingly in demand worldwide in recent times. Flaxseed flours that have been de-oiled, particularly those that have been fermented and germinated, are rich sources of bioactive substances that exhibit antioxidant properties. Two subchapters (2A, 2B) provide studies on how fermentation and germination affect the functional and bioactive characteristics of de-oiled flaxseed flours. Another subchapter (2C) discusses the research on the impact of ultrasonic-assisted extraction on the bioactive characteristics of de-oiled germinated flaxseed flours. An annual oilseed crop with blue flowers, flax is a member of the Linaceae family. The flax plant is extensively grown worldwide, mostly for its seeds and fiber, and is native to western Asia and the Mediterranean (Coskuner and Karababa) (Calderelli). Although flax has been farmed since at least 5000 BC, its primary use nowadays is oil production (Oomah ; Berglund). With the exception of the arctic and tropical regions, it is cultivated as a crop in extremely chilly temperature regions of the globe (Madhusudhan). With a total production of 1.173 million tons, flaxseed is produced in enormous quantities worldwide (FAO). In India, flaxseed,

sometimes referred to as *alsi*, is used both medicinally and as food.

Canada is the world's greatest producer of flaxseed, followed by Ethiopia, the United States, China, India, and Ethiopia (Oomah and Mazza; Singh et al.). It is mostly grown in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, and Bihar (Kajla) in India. Depending on the genotype, flaxseed develops into a capsule with up to 10 seeds that vary in size and weight. When the capsule reaches maturity, it opens, releasing the seeds into the surrounding area. According to Gutierrez and Venglat, the plantlet has two cotyledons, a characteristic of dicot development. Anatomically, flaxseed is made up of three layers that go from inside to outside: cotyledon, endosperm, and spermoderm. While lignans and mucilage are found in the spermoderm region, flaxseed oil is mostly distributed in the cotyledon and endosperm (Oomah and Mazza ; Madhusudhan Zhang). The seed has a smooth, shiny surface and is flat and oval in shape with a pointy tip. Depending on the kind, flaxseed may have a hue ranging from pale yellow to medium reddish brown (Freeman). The quantity of pigment in the outer seed coat determines the color of the seed; the more pigment present, the darker the

seed color (Coskuner and Karababa). According to Green and Marshall, oily flaxseeds often have larger dimensions than fiber flaxseeds. The seeds taste nice and nutty and have a crisp and chewy texture (Carter).

Pre- and post-harvest handling procedures must take into account the physical characteristics of agricultural products as they have an impact on how they will be handled, processed, stored, and eaten (Masoumi and Tabil ; Kotwaliwale ; Wilhelm). Some physical characteristics of the seeds must be taken into account prior to designing and building post-harvest handling and processing machinery (Taser ; Aremu and Fowowe). Numerous researchers have examined the physical characteristics of various seeds, including sesame (Tunde-Akintunde and Akintunde), chia seed (Ixtaina), millet (Baryeh), sesame (Deshpande), sesame (Vilche), sunflower (Gupta and Das), safflower (Baumler), coriander (Coskuner and Karababa), and soybeans (Deshpande). Coskuner, Karababa, and Freeman have previously examined the physicochemical and functional characteristics of flaxseed; however, their research mostly focused on a commercial flaxseed sample. It has been observed that the geometric mean

diameter of flaxseed is bigger than that of sesame seeds (Tunde-Akintunde and Akintunde) and lower than that of pumpkin (Joshi) and sunflower (Gupta and Das). Aeration, drying, storage, and transportation equipment design also heavily relies on gravimetric qualities such thousand seed weight, bulk density, real density, and porosity. While actual density is helpful for separation equipment, bulk density dictates the capacity of storage and transportation systems (Vilche). When calculating the equivalent diameter for cleaning with aerodynamic forces and theoretically estimating seed volume, thousand seed weight is a helpful metric (Ixtaina). Porosity value is dependent on both actual and bulk densities, according to Baryeh. The volume fraction of air or the void fraction in the sample is known as porosity. Porosity is dependent on the material's surface characteristics and shape. Air flow and heat flow investigations sometimes need the percentage of voids in an unconsolidated mass of material, such as hay, grain, and other porous materials (Mohsenin).

3 Methodology

Analytical grade solvents and chemicals were all employed in this investigation. Sigma-Aldrich (Steinheim, Germany)

provided standard gallic acid, 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), orcinol, acetonitrile, methanol, formic acid, boric acid, lysine, and proline. Loba Chemie, Mumbai, India provided the following supplies: Using the established techniques of analysis (AOAC, 1990), the moisture, crude fat, ash, crude fiber, and crude protein (NH6.25) content of several flaxseed samples were evaluated on a dry weight basis. 100 seeds of each flaxseed cultivar were chosen at random and their length, breadth, and thickness were measured using a digital calliper in order to determine the geometric characteristics. The relationship provided by Mohsenin (1980) was used to compute the seeds' arithmetic mean diameter (D_a) and geometric mean diameter (D_g):

A Hunter Colorimeter equipped with an optical sensor (Ultra Scan, VIS-1084; Hunter Associates Laboratory Inc., Reston, VA, USA) was used to measure the hunter color of the seed samples. The sample cup containing seeds was placed on the sample platform, and the L^* , a^* , and b^* readings were used to record the color. The brightness is indicated by the L^* value, where 0–100 represents dark to light. The degree of

the red-green color was represented by the a^* value, while the degree of the yellow-blue hue was shown by the b^* value. The overall color difference (ΔE), which may be calculated as $\Delta E = \sqrt{(L^*)^2 + 2(b^*)^2 + 22}$.

Using a Newport Super Mill (Newport, Scientific Pvt. Ltd., Warriewood, Australia) to grind the seeds and a 60 BSS filter to remove the outer seed coat (to demucilate), flours were made from several cultivars of flaxseed. The flours that were so produced were kept for further examination in a refrigerator in an airtight container.

One gram of flour (1g) was digested at 60°C in a heating mantle for about 20 minutes using an acid combination that included 10 ml of concentrated nitric acid, 4 ml of 60% perchloric acid, and 1 ml of concentrated sulphuric acid. The digest was allowed to cool before being diluted with 50 milliliters of deionized distilled water and filtered using Whatman No. 1 filter paper. Deionized distilled water was used to make the filtrates up to a 100 ml volume in a volumetric flask. A triple acid digested sample was subjected to analysis of mineral concentration using an atomic absorption spectrophotometer (AAS 240

FS Agilent Technologies, USA) fitted with various lamps.

Samples of flaxseed were hydrolyzed with HCl (6N) in an oven (Narang Scientific, New Delhi, India) at 110° C for 24 hours while contained in an amber-colored sealed container. An automated amino acid analyzer was used to determine the amino acid contents of the hydrolyzed samples. The apparatus was a Shimadzu Nexera X2 high performance liquid chromatography system in reversed phase, located in Kyoto, Japan. It was equipped with an LC30 AD pump and an enable C18G 150×4.6 mm. The measurement was performed using an RF-20A prominent fluorescence detector (excitation 350; emission 450) at 25°C at a flow rate of 1 ml/min. The samples' amino acid makeup was given as mg/100g protein (dwb).

Samples of flour were put into a graduated cylinder (10 ml) that had been tared beforehand. After filling to the 10 ml mark, the bottom of the cylinder was gently pounded on a lab bench until the sample level did not decrease any more.

The weight of the sample per unit volume was used to compute bulk density (g/ml).

The Sosulski technique was used to test the flours' water absorption. In pre-

weighed centrifuge tubes, the sample (0.5 g, dwb) was distributed in 25 ml of distilled water. The dispersions were centrifuged for 25 minutes at 5000×g in a centrifuge (C-24 BL, Remi Industries, Mumbai, India) after being periodically mixed and kept for 30 minutes. After the sediment was reweighed, the supernatant was decanted. The oil absorption was calculated using the Lin et al. (1974) approach. In preweighed centrifuge tubes, samples (0.5 g, dwb) were combined with 6 ml of refined soy oil (Amrit Banaspati Co. Ltd., Rajpura, India). To distribute the sample in the oil, the contents were agitated for one minute using a fine brass wire. Following a 30-minute holding period, the tubes underwent a 25-minute 5000×g centrifugation. Before reweighing, the tubes were inverted for twenty-five minutes to allow the oil to be drained and the separated oil to be retrieved using a pipette. The absorption capabilities for both water and oil were given in grams of bound oil or water per gram of sample.

4 Results

The methodical and theoretical examination of the research methodologies used makes up methodology. It covers the approaches

and tenets used in the study related to the carried out inquiry. Several techniques and resources are used to determine the reliable findings of the research on the "Nutritional Efficacy of Flaxseed in the Reduction of Blood Sugar and Cholesterol." In the current research, an experimental methodology was used to assess the nutritional value of flaxseed and determine its effectiveness in lowering rats' blood sugar and cholesterol levels. The research was carried out at the Regional Food Research Analysis Center in Lucknow and the Department of Zoology at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The study's location was chosen with ease of access to laboratories and other facilities needed to carry out research in mind.

The most populous state in India, Uttar Pradesh, with Lucknow as its capital. Lucknow, a multiethnic metropolis, is situated in what was once known as the Awadh area. Among Indians and scholars of South Asian culture and history, the Persian-loving Shia Nawabs of the city are well-known for their courtly manners, exquisite food, poetry, music, and gardens. People refer to Lucknow as the City of Nawabs. It is also referred to as Shiraz-i-Hind, the Golden City of the East, and the Indian

Constantinople. Currently experiencing an economic boom, Lucknow is one of India's ten fastest growing non-major metropolitan cities. It is a dynamic city. In the state of Uttar Pradesh, it is the second-biggest city. The most encouraging aspect about it that portends well for the future is the special fusion of its refined elegance and recently acquired speed. Numerous prestigious institutions are situated in and around Lucknow, which is a center for research and education. The city is home to several universities, research institutes, schools, medical and engineering colleges, and management institutes.

A public charity organization called RFRAC—A Center of Excellence—was founded by the Uttar Pradesh government and incorporated under the Society of Registration Act of 1860 to provide quality testing services for a range of foods, food products, water, etc. It is an independent body that operates on a no-profit, no-loss basis. Its 16-member governing council is made up of representatives from the governments of India and Uttar Pradesh, the Food Processors Association, associations, large and small cottage industries, and renowned research and training institutions. The lab opened for business in 2004. In order to provide dependable

and accurate analysis services to India's food processing businesses, RFRAC was founded as an analysis and testing facility. RFRAC is dedicated to providing continuously high-quality analyses that meet legal standards, client expectations, and achieve their intended purpose, ultimately resulting in complete customer satisfaction.

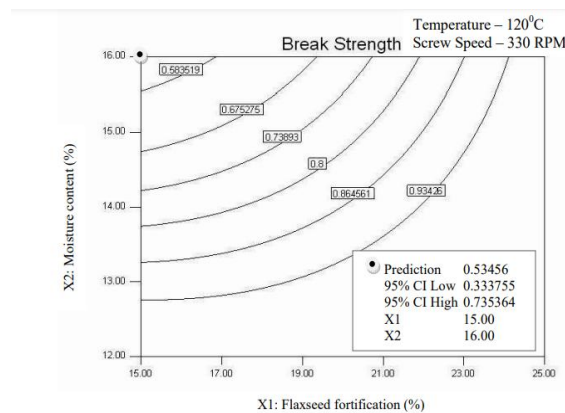


Fig. 1: Contour plot of breaking strength of extruded product as function of flaxseed fortification, moisture content, temperature and screw speed

5 Conclusion

The advantages of flaxseed lignan-SDG in reducing PbAc-induced kidney injury are highlighted in this research. In patients with SDG, co-treatment with lead acetate enhanced renal function and reduced oxidative stress. We showed that the SDG could efficiently scavenge ROS generation caused by PbAc exposure, therefore lowering ROS-mediated kidney damage. Our findings

suggest that flaxseed lignan SDG may provide defence against lead-induced kidney injury. As a result, the SDG and the flaxseed-rich SDG might be used as beneficial dietary supplements.

Flaxseed has a considerable amount of nutrients. Of all the varieties tested, variety JL-27 had the highest quantity of protein, whereas varieties JLS-6 & JL-23 had the highest fat content. It was also discovered that variety JLS-6 had the highest fibre content of all the varieties tested. All of the processing techniques were considered suitable for use with flaxseeds since none of them was found to significantly change the content of blight. All processing techniques resulted in a significant reduction in both antinutritional compounds. Both roasting and germination reduced antiblight in all of the cultivars under investigation by more than 80%. Considering that adding flaxseed to a daily diet would increase the nutritional quality of the world's population, further study is needed to understand if this is even possible.

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