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# Mapping of Global 100 Top-cited Articles on *Moringa oleifera* Lam. from Documents Indexed in Web of Sciences Database

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ABSTRACT

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Bibliometric analysis is an important tool used for unraveling and mapping the cumulative scientific knowledge and evolutionary nuances of established domains by logically interpreting vast amounts of unstructured data. A lot has been done in various fields, however, no bibliometric report is yet made on Moringa oleifera. M. oleifera Lam is a multi-purpose herbal plant that has been traditionally used for thousands of years as human food as well as an alternative for medicinal purposes, with numerous health benefits. This study was designed to map the most frequently cited articles reported on Moringa oleifera using bibliometric characteristics while also highlighting the most significant evidence collected in the field over the years. The 100 most cited reports were retrieved from the Web of Science Core Collection database, and were reportedly published between 1980 and 2021 in 56 peer reviewed journals with 15, 300 total citations at an average of 153 times. Water Research Journal is the mostpublished journal, while India is the most productive country with 18 articles. Also, The University of Agriculture Faisalabad is ranked as the number one institution with seven articles, while Anwar F. from Pakistan made the most contributions, with seven (7) published articles. Moreover, thematic map analytics showing the analysis of the top 250 words revealed that the research direction was Moringa oleifera research. These findings provide useful insights in the field of Moringa oleifera for scientific communities on historical and most influential publications, research direction, the most productive country, author's productivity and future collaborations to identify the most hotspot research paths in the future.

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## Introduction

*Moringa oleifera* is the most widely cultivated species of a monogeneric family reported by many countries in the tropics.<sup>1</sup> It is referred to as the "Miracle Tree" due to its high nutrient value.<sup>2</sup> This is in addition to it being traditionally used as medicine to treat a variety of inflammatory-mediated diseases, including cardiovascular disease and diabetes.<sup>3–6</sup> Additionally, the crude aqueous leaf extract of *Moringa oleifera* exerts antiproliferative effects on A549 lung carcinoma cells by increasing oxidative stress, DNA fragmentation, and inducing apoptosis.<sup>7</sup> Further evidence shows that *Moringa oleifera* leaves have also been used for the production of soups, foods, bread, cakes, and yogurts.<sup>8,9</sup> Recently, mature *Moringa oleifera* leaf extracts have been used to protect goat meat patties from oxidative rancidity.<sup>10</sup> as well as being reported to have a significant cardioprotective effect

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due to its antioxidant, antiperoxidative, and myocardial preservative properties.<sup>11</sup> Interestingly, Moringa oleifera has been recognized by traditional medicine practitioners to have attributes to curing effect in tumors,<sup>12,13</sup> treating malnutrition, HIV/AIDS-related symptoms, bronchitis, ulcers, malaria, and fever,<sup>14–16</sup> lowering the risk of cancer,<sup>17,18</sup> and possessing antimicrobial activity against bacteria, fungi, and yeasts at different concentrations.<sup>19</sup> In addition, Moringa *leafer* has also been reported to have environmental applications for the treatment of wastewater<sup>20</sup> and to flocculate contaminants and purify drinking water.<sup>21-24</sup> Furthermore, the powder has been used in animal production, especially in bovine reproduction, and the effect on the estrus cycle, uterine contraction, and conception.<sup>25-27</sup> Bibliometrics is a branch of quantitative science that assesses the effectiveness of research using techniques like citation analysis. By counting how many times an article has been cited, citation data are used to measure an article's impact over a period of time.<sup>28</sup> Several works have been an article's impact on bibliometric analysis including neem,<sup>29,30</sup> Gum Arabic,<sup>31</sup> microplastics,<sup>32</sup> just to mention a few. In this work, the bibliometrics tools, widely used to map the literature around scientific research fields, were employed in the *Moringa oleifera* research field.<sup>33,34</sup> The analysis can assist in gaining a better understanding of the research focus as well as future research development trends in Moringa. A large number of papers have been published in areas that have given historical perspectives for researchers in the world of Moringa oleifera, but to the best of our knowledge, there is yet a study of bibliometric analysis conducted, hence, this work tends to provide

the historical overview of *Moringa oleifera* through a bibliometric perspective using documents indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection database to identify the top-most cited articles in the field of *Moringa oleifera*.

## **Materials and Methods**

## Study design

To achieve the objectives of this retrospective study, we used the Web of Science Core Collection database of Clarivate Analytics (formerly known as Thomson Reuters and the Institute for Scientific Information), updated on December 5, 2021. The search phrase is: title "Moringa oleifera\*" or "Drumstick tree " in the title field, for document types: "Articles" or "Reviews," and timespan "1900-2021". The data was retrieved, and the following characteristics were reported: study name, author listing, journal name, year, citation count, and country of origin, while the 2020 journal impact factors (IF) were retrieved from the InCites Journal Citation Reports website for the year 2020. Two independent researchers screened titles based on the title of the article for relevance, yielding our final list of the top 100 most cited articles, as ranked by number of times cited. Finally, the 100 most frequently cited articles were saved as "Plain text," "Bib text," or "Excel.CSV" for further investigation. The details for the retrieval of the 100 most-cited articles are outlined in Figure 1 and Table 1.

#### Statistical Analysis

The statistical analyses were conducted using HistCite 35, the Bibliometrix app using R-studio cloud 36, VOS viewer 37 and OrignPro 2018.

Table 1: Main	information	about bil	bliographic	collection

Description	Results	Description	Results
Timespan	1980:2018	Author's Keywords (DE)	322
Sources (Journals,	56	Authors	
Books, etc)			
Documents	100	Authors	367
Average years	13.8	Author Appearances	453
from publication			
Average citations	153.0	Authors of single-	2
per documents		authored documents	
Average citations	12.35	Authors of multi-authored	365
per year per doc		documents	
References	3202	Authors Collaboration	
Document Types		Single-authored	2
		documents	
Article	90	Documents per Author	0.272
Review	10	Authors per Document	3.67
Document		Co-Authors per	4.53
Contents		Documents	
Keywords Plus	400	Collaboration Index (CI)	3.72
(ID)			

## **Results and Discussion**

Annual trend and citations of top 100 cited studies

The top 100 articles were revealed to have been published between the year 1980 and 2021. The trend of the top 100 cited articles and average mean of total citations during the study period are presented in

Figure 2. From the figure, it could be observed that there was a progression in the number of publications from 1980, peaking in 2008, followed by a slight up-and-down trend which thereafter dropped in 2019. The mean total citation, on the other hand, was observed to be increasing yearly, peaking in 2018. However, no top-cited article was recorded after the year 2019, possibly indicating a decline in *Moringa oleifera* research-related studies.

#### Top-cited articles on Moringa oleifera

Highly cited articles on *Moringa oleifera* are good indicators of advanced ideas and developments for further research in the field (Table S1). The co-citation times of "Antioxidant properties of various solvent extracts of total phenolic constituents from three different agroclimatic origins of drumstick tree (*Moringa oleifera* Lam.) leaves," was observed to have ranked Number 1, indicated the importance of Moringa leaves as an antioxidant,<sup>38</sup> followed by its usage for an impressive range of medicinal uses with high nutritional value in many tropical and subtropical countries, rated as Number 2, and its excellent coagulation properties for treating water and wastewater,<sup>39</sup> rated as Number 3.

## Corresponding Author's Country

The extracted data on *Moringa oleifera* identified India as the most productive country with NP = 18 articles, followed by Pakistan with NP = 11 articles, and Malaysia (NP=10 articles). In terms of Multiple Country Publication (MCP), India, the United States of America (USA), China, and Egypt have the most collaborations between countries, as reportedly shown in Figures 3 and 4.

#### Productive Journals

The 100-top cited Moringa articles were published in 56 journals, predominantly in Water Research with (NP=8; TC=1635), followed by the Journal of Ethnopharmacology with (NP=7; TC: 956), and Food Chemistry with (NP=5; TC: 677). Table S2 shows the list of the most active and influential journals based on the Journal Impact Factor (JIF), the article influence score normalized, the Eigenfactor score, and the 5-year impact factor.

#### Authorship analysis

Of the 376 authors that contributed, authors with  $\geq$ 4 documents were identified and listed in Table 2. In the table, the most prolific of them is Anwar F from Pakistan with the highest publication count and highest H-Index (NP, 7; TC, 1644; H-index 7), followed by Becker K from Germany, Bhanger, MI from Pakistan, and Muchenje, V from South Africa with (NP, 4; TC, 1365; H-index 4), (NP, 4; TC, 544; H-index 4), in that order, respectively.

#### Topic dendrogram analysis

Figures 5(A and B) show the topic dendrogram that were used to identify the hierarchical relationship between *Moringa oleifera*-related topics during the study periods. The factorial analysis with multidimensional scaling method was employed to show the arrangement of 50 different keywords by topic in three main clusters to give an in-depth understanding of the research topics (A, Authors Keywords), which outlines the information comprising the list of terms that gives the best representation of the content of authors' documents (B, Keyword Plus).

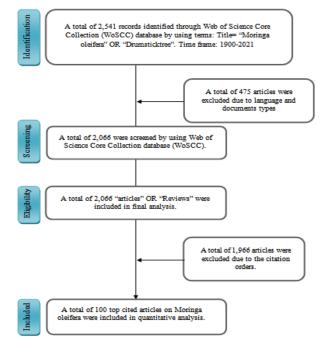
#### Word cloud analysis

The most frequent research topics based on the KeyWords Plus analysis were terms including "tree" (12), "leaves" (11), "in-vitro" (9), "seed oil" (9), "antioxidant properties" (8), "plant" (8), "extract" (7), "leaf extract" (7), and "water" (7), as shown in Figure 6, while the changes in the number of KeyWords over the years are presented in Figure 7.

## Institutional analysis

The findings of the most active institutions are shown in Table 3. The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) in Pakistan is the top ranking institution in *Moringa oleifera* related research (NP = 7), followed by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Malaysia (NP = 5) articles.

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**Figure 1:** Details showing the information retrieval pathway for the 100 top cited articles

It could be seen that of the ten institutions identified, eight (8) are from Asia, one (1) from Africa (University of Fort Hare, South Africa), and the remaining one (1) from Europe (University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany), indicating that the *Moringa oleifera* research has been very prominent in the Asian countries.

## Thematic Map Analysis of the top 250 Words

Thematic analysis of research hot topics for author key words with a minimum frequency of 5 shows the main research was focused on "natural coagulants, *Moringa oleifera*, biosorption, antioxidant activity, biodiesel, composition, moringaceae, phytochemicals, and diabetes," as presented in Table S3.

## Visualized Analysis of Journals co-citations

Using the minimum threshold of ten (10) documents from the journals, 70 were able to meet the threshold, which were thereafter categorised into 4 clusters with links (L = 1442) and total link strength (TLS = 20037). Of the 70 journals, the top journals with the greatest total link strength were Journal of Agr Food Chem, which has the highest (TLS = 3684), followed by Journal of Ethnopharmacology (TLS = 2629), Food Chem (TLS = 2372) and Water Res (TLS = 1657), in that order, respectively, as shown in Figure 8.

### Co-citation analysis and cited authors

For the authors with the minimum threshold of 10 documents, only 35 were able to meet the threshold and were presented in 4 clusters with (L = 440), and (TLS = 2874). The top four authors with the highest total link strength were Anwar, F (TLS = 455), Faiz, S (TLS = 368), and Giani, AH (TLS = 300) as shown in Figure 9.

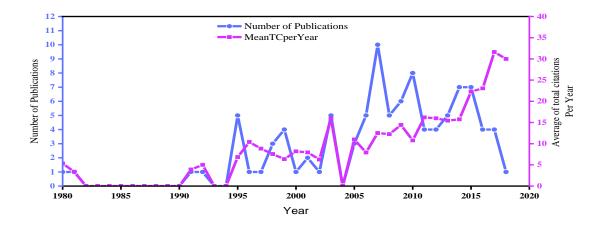
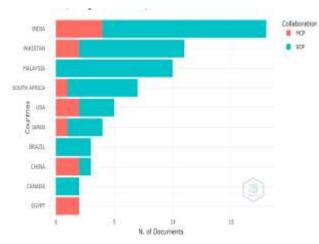
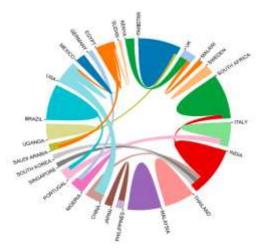


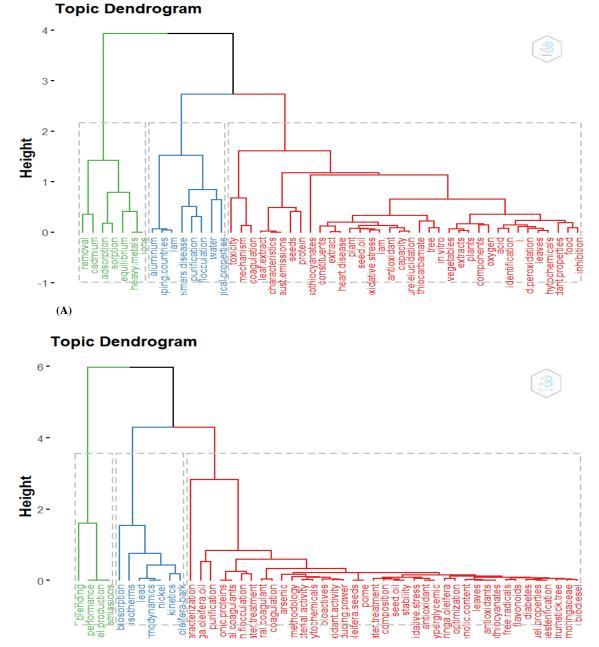
Figure 2: Annual trend of top 100 articles on Moringa oleifera



**Figure 3:** Top Corresponding Author's Country with more than 2 articles in *Moringa oleifera* based on the articles (NP), Single Country Publication (SCP), and Multiple Country Publication (MCP).



**Figure 4:** Inter-State relationship analysis between countries in *Moringa oleifera*.



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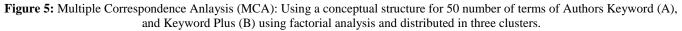


Table 2: Authors contributed to	at least (NP≥4)	) more in <i>Morin</i>	ga oleifera
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Author (n=376)	Country	(h_index) <sup>b</sup>	ТС	NP	1 <sup>st</sup> author	2 <sup>nd</sup> author	3 <sup>rd</sup> or last author	PY_start-PY end
Anwar, F	Pakistan	7	1644	7	5	2	0	2003~2011
Becker, K	Germany	4	1365	4	0	2	1	1996~2003
Bhanger, MI	Pakistan	4	544	4	1	2	1	2003~2007
Muchenje, V	South Africa	4	564	4	0	0	4	2011~2018
Reddy, AVR	India	4	601	4	0	0	4	2010~2012
Reddy, DHK	India	4	601	4	4	0	0	2010~2012
Seshaiah, K	India	4	601	4	0	2	2	2010~2012

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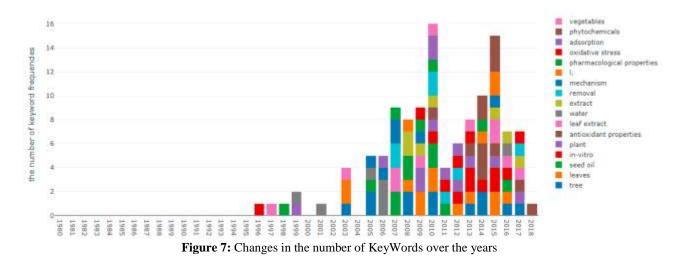
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Institution	Number of Articles	Percent	тс
Univ Agr Faisalabad	7	7.0	1577
Univ Putra Malaysia	5	5.0	667
Bhabha Atom Res Ctr	4	4.0	601
Sri Venkateswara Univ	4	4.0	601
Univ Ft Hare	4	4.0	564
Univ Hohenheim	4	4.0	1365
Univ Sindh	4	4.0	544
Aga Khan Univ	3	3.0	933
Hiroshima Univ	3	3.0	488
Univ Malaya	3	3.0	358

 Table 3: Most Influential Institutions with more than 3 articles

Moringa has been used in many tropics and subtropics countries in recent years due to its impressive range of medicinal properties and high nutritional value.<sup>1</sup> The leaves of the tree have reportedly been used for chronic hyperglycemia and dyslipidemia, <sup>4,40</sup> in addition to its multipurpose usage as an herbal plant for humans and as an alternative medicine. <sup>41</sup>Currently, there is a great need to enhance the understanding of the Moringa research directions; therefore, the current investigation is aimed at providing the scientific communities with critical and quantitative information on the research progress in Moringa from its first published document in the WoSCC database. According to results from our analysis, most of the top-cited articles in Moringa studies were published after 2006, with the largest subset consisting of studies published between 2007 and 2010. The increase in the number of landmark publications during this period of time likely reflects the importance of Moringa research and the growing interest the scientific community has towards it. There are facts that in 2007, most studies focused on Moringa as a food plant with medicinal uses and the identification of physico-chemical characteristics of *Moringa oleifera* seeds and seed oil, <sup>1,42,43</sup>



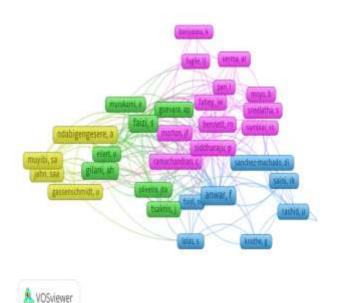
Figure 6: Word cloud of the top 100 most frequency keyword Plus



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Figure 8: Co-citation analysis of cited journals based on total link strength (TLS).



**Figure 9:** Co-citation analysis of cited authors based on total link strength (TLS).

*Moringa oleifera* leaf extract as a high-fat diet for rats,<sup>44</sup> the Moringa seed oil for its frying quality and stability, <sup>45</sup> water research,<sup>46–48</sup> and Moringa leaf extract playing potential therapeutic roles in the treatment of various types of cancer as antimicrobial, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, and antidiabetic.<sup>49</sup> Similarly, significant advancements

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in Moringa oleifera research were also reported in 2010 in many areas, including phytochemicals,<sup>50</sup> and nutrients value.<sup>51</sup> Most of the research on the chemical characteristics of this plant and its products has mainly focused on the seed oil, with very little focus on the rest of the plant,<sup>11,42</sup> despite its remarkable usage in human health.<sup>52</sup> Other studies have suggested that Moringa oleifera seeds can be used as a coagulant in water and wastewater treatment, but only after the active proteins<sup>51</sup> have been adequately purified. This can be a solution for people in developing and third-world countries who are facing potable water supply problems due to inadequate financial resources.54 Other published articles highlighted Moringa oleifera as a food plant with multiple medicinal uses<sup>1</sup> and Moringa as a possible source of biodiesel.55 An analysis of the keywords is a good indicator for evaluating the Moringa research by identifying the author's keywords and achievements as well as providing general information and ideas concerning research developments. The keyword analyses were demonstrated in different clusters. The most common keywords included "developing countries" during 1980-1999, followed by "aater" in 2000-2005. In addition, Moringa have been observed to have more international research projects than other fields such as Gum Arabic.<sup>31</sup> More importantly, our analysis revealed that majority of the 100 top-cited articles in Moringa were published in the Journal of Ethnopharmacology, Water Research, and Food and Chemical Toxicology, respectively. These journals are considered the most influential based on total citation scores, and their h-indexes were also found to have a significant influence on the number of article productions. Although this is the first bibliometric study of the 100 most cited studies on Moringa, it provides a comprehensive analysis in addition to being objective during the trend analysis; however, the current study has some limitations inherent in the bibliometric methodology. Firstly, one WoSCC database was used without employing multiple search engines (PubMed, Ovid, Scopus, and Google Scholar). Secondly, only articles and reviews were included, and thirdly, we limited our searches to the English database, where a linguistic bias may exist. Despite all these limitations, this study is meant to fill the gap in literature and knowledge on the uses and importance of the Moringa oleifera plant that could be practically utilized in all aspects of life globally. Furthermore, the increase in published documents on Moringa oleifera is an indicator for its value and characteristics in animal, human, pharmaceutical, and environmental fields.

## Conclusion

Our findings provide baseline information and insights from 100 top studies in Moringa. So far, India has been the most significant contributor in the Moringa fields, as evidenced by the research papers published during 1980-2021, which received funding from public and governmental institutions. The study also revealed inadequate international collaborations between countries and researchers working on *Moringa* research. Therefore, our study looks forward to enhancing the international cooperation between authors and experts to exchange more information and enhance knowledge on *Moringa* due to its traditional and medical uses for incredible health benefits.

## **Conflict of Interest**

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

## **Authors' Declaration**

The authors hereby declare that the work presented in this article is original and that any liability for claims relating to the content of this article will be borne by them.

## Table S1: Top 100 cited articles on Moringa oleifera

Rank	Title           Antioxidant properties of various solvent extracts of total phenolic constituents from three different	TC 771
1	agroclimatic origins of drumstick tree (Moringa oleifera Lam.) leaves	,,1
2	Moringa oleifera: A food plant with multiple medicinal uses	735
3	Active Agents and Mechanism of Coagulation of Turbid waters using Moringa-Oleifera	402
4	Moringa oleifera oil: A possible source of biodiesel	329
5	Quality of water treated by coagulation using Moringa oleifera seeds	318
6	Antioxidant Activity and total Phenolic Content of Moringa oleifera Leaves in two Stages of maturity	268
7	Nutritional value and antinutritional components of whole and ethanol extracted Moringa oleifera leaves	260
8	Profiling glucosinolates and phenolics in vegetative and reproductive tissues of the multi-purpose trees	244
0	Moringa oleifera L. (horseradish tree) and Moringa stenopetala L.	2
9	A simple purification and activity assay of the coagulant protein from Moringa oleifera seed	234
10	In vitro and in vivo antioxidant properties of different fractions of Moringa oleifera leaves	232
11	Nutritional characterization of Moringa (Moringa oleifera Lam.) leaves	228
12	Cultivation, Genetic, Ethnopharmacology, Phytochemistry and Pharmacology of Moringa oleifera Leaves:	224
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	oleifera	
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19	Isolation and Characterization of a Flocculating Protein from moringa-Oleifera lam	191
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	Cytotoxicity effect of nanoparticles against HT-29 cancer cells	
21	Isolation and characterization of coagulant extracted from Moringa oleifera seed by salt solution	181
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TC: Total Citations

#### **Table S2.** Journals that published with $\geq 3$ articles in *Moringa oleifera*

Element (n=56)	h_index	TC	NP	IF (2020) <sup>a</sup>	Research domain
Water Research	8	1635	8	11.236	Engineering, Environmental Sciences & Ecology, Water
					Resources
Journal of Ethnopharmacology	7	956	7	4.36	Plant Sciences, Pharmacology & Pharmacy
					Integrative & Complementary Medicine
Food Chemistry	5	677	5	7.514	Chemistry, Food Science & Technology
-					Nutrition & Dietetics
Bioresource Technology	4	692	4	9.642	Agriculture, Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology,
					Energy & Fuels
Food and Chemical Toxicology	4	704	4	6.025	Food Science & Technology, Toxicology
Industrial Crops and Products	4	566	4	5.645	Agriculture
Journal of Agricultural and	4	1316	4	5.279	Agriculture, Chemistry, Food Science & Technology
Food Chemistry					
Chemical Engineering Journal	3	336	3	13.273	Engineering
Journal of Hazardous Materials	3	386	3	10.588	Engineering, Environmental Sciences & Ecology
Planta Medica	3	338	3	3.356	Plant Sciences, Pharmacology & Pharmacy
					Integrative & Complementary Medicine

Table S3: Thematic Map analysis of top 250 Words with minimum frequency of 5 in field of Author KeyWords

Cluster_Label_Author	Words (Occurrences)	Callon	Callon
KeyWord		Centrality (R)	Density (R)
Natural coagulant	'Natural coagulant (6), 'coagulation' (5), 'characterization' (3),	2.28 (22)	233.03 (2)
	'coagulation-flocculation' (3), 'water treatment' (3), 'cationic proteins'		
	(2), 'moringa oleifera seeds' (2), 'natural coagulants' (2), 'pome' (2),		
	'purification' (2), 'response surface methodology' (2), 'wastewater		
	treatment' (2).		
Moringa oleifera	'Moringa oleifera' (61), 'antioxidant' (6), 'anti-hyperglycemic' (2),	1.79 (21)	276.73 (6)
	'antioxidants' (2), 'arsenic' (2), 'oxidative stress' (2), 'total phenolic		
	content'(2).		
Biosorption	'Biosorption' (7), 'isotherms' (5), 'kinetics' (3), 'thermodynamics' (3),	0.26 (18)	260.81(4)
	ʻlead' (2),		
	'Moringa oleifera bark' (3), 'nickel' (3).		
Antioxidant activity	'Antioxidant activity' (3), 'free radicals' (3), 'antibacterial activity' (2),	0.36 (19)	373.14 (13)
	'flavonoids' (2), 'isothiocyanates' (2), 'reducing power' (2).		
Biodiesel	'Biodiesel' (3), 'blending' (3), 'moringa oleifera oil' (3), 'optimization'	2.73 (23)	244.44 (3)
	(3), 'Biodiesel production' (2), 'emissions' (2), 'engine performance'		
	(2), 'fuel properties' (2), 'transesterification' (2).		
Composition	composition' (3), 'seed oil' (2), 'stability' (2),	0.07 (16)	261.90 (5)
Moringaceae	'Moringaceae' (7), 'bioactive' (2), 'drumstick tree' (2), 'leaves' (2).	1.014 (20)	377.62 (14)
Phytochemicals	'Phytochemicals' (2).	0.073 (15)	378.57 (15.5)
Diabetes	'Diabetes' (2)	0.11 (17)	378.57 (15.5)

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