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## **Dedication**

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#### **Abstract**

The aim of this study was the extraction of baobab oil and chemical characterization of the fruits ,seeds and oil. Baobab samples were obtained from Alobayed market(Kordofan). Ash and moisture contents were measured for the fruit powder and baobab seeds. Mineral contents of fruit powder and seeds were measured by ICP instrument. Vitamin(C)content was measured titrimetrically using Indophenol solution. Baobab seeds oil was extracted by petroleum ether using soxhlet. The chemical composition of baobab oil was investigated by GC-MS spectroscopy. Some physical and chemical properties of the extracted oil were also measured. They include pH value, viscosity, density, refractive index, acid value, peroxide value, saponification value and ester value.

The obtained results showed average ash content for baobab fruit powder as 9.37% while it was 4.93% for baobab seeds. The average moisture content of baobab fruit powder and seeds were 18.39% and 7.47% respectively.

The inductively coupled plasma analysis showed ,that, baobab fruit powder and seeds were rich in some minerals of macro and micro level including potassium(K), calcium (Ca), magnesium(Mg) , phosphorous(P), copper(Cu), manganese(Mn) and zinc(Zn). The hazardous elements showed very low concentrations in baobab fruit powder and seeds. Aluminium and silicon as undesired elements showed considerable concentrations in baobab fruit powder and seeds. Titanium(Ti) ,strontium(Sr) and lead(Pb) showed notable concentrations in baobab fruit and seeds. The baobab fruit powder showed high content of vitamin(C).

The GC-MS analysis of baobab oil gave considerable constituents of essential fatty acids including linoleic acid (25.10%), palmatic acid (21.14%), oleic acid(17.34%), stearic acid (7.92%), methyl dihydrosterculate (4.81%), methyl arachisate (1.47%), and behenic acid (1.23%).

#### المستخلص

الهدف من هذه الدراسة هو استخلاص زيت التبلدي وتوصيف الخواص الكيميائية لثمرة ببذور وزيت التبلدي. جمعت عينات التبلدي من سوق الأبيض (كردفان). تم تقدير محتوى الرطوبة والرماد لثمرة وبذور التبلدي .قد رالمحتوى المعدني لثمرة، بذور التبلدي باستخدام تقنية مطيافية الانبعاث الضوئي بالحث البلازمي المزدوج (ICP). قدر فايتمين (C) في بدرة ثمرة التبلدي بالمعايرة بواسطة صبغة الاندوفينول. استخلص الزيت بواسطة البتروليوم ايثر كمذيب باستخدام جهاز soxhlet . تم تحديد التركيب الكيميائي لزيت التبلدي باستخدام تقنية كروماتوغرافيا الغاز ومطيافية الكتلة (GC-MS). قدرت بعض الخواص الفيزيائية والكيميائية للزيت شملت الأس الهيدروجيني ، اللزوجة، الكثافة، معامل الانكسار، رقم االحموضة، رقم البيروكسيد، رقم التصين ورقم الاستر.

أظهرت الدراسة ان متوسط محتوى الرماد لبدرة ثمرة التبلدي 9.37% ولبذور التبلدي4.93%وان متوسط محتوي الرطوبة لثمرة التبلدي 18.39% ولبذور التبلدي 7.47%.

تم قياس تراكيز المغذيات المعدنية الكبري والصغري باستخدام تقنية ال(ICP) حيث تم تقدير البوتاسيوم (K)، الكالسيوم (Mn)، الماغنيزيوم (Mg)، الحديد (Fe)، النحاس (Cu))، المنجنيز (Ca) والزنك (Ca).

العناصر غير المرغوب فيها أظهرت تراكيز منخفضة جدا في ثمرة وبذور التبلدي.

كانت تراكيز كل من الالمونيوم(A1) والسيليكون(Si)عالية نسبيا كعناصر غير مرغوب فيها .

تمت ملاحظة تراكيز مقدرة لكل من التيتانيوم(Ti)، الاسترانشيوم(Sr) و الرصاص(Pb).

وقد كان محتوى فايتمين (C)في بدرة ثمرة التبلدي عالياً.

اظهر التحليل بكروماتوغرافيا الغاز ومطيافية الكتلة احتواء زيت التبلدي على نسب مقدرة من الأحماض الأمينية الأساسية شملت حمض اللينوليك (25.10%) ،حمض البالمتيك (21.14%)، حمض الأوليك(7.34%) ، ميثايل داي هيدرو ستيركيوليت(4.81%) ، ميثايل ارشسيت (1.47%) وحمض البيهنيك(1.23%).

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