

Phytochemical Analysis and Antioxidant Activity of *Linum usitatissimum* Seed Extracts with Potential Applications in Aquaculture

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Abstract

The present study aimed to investigate the phytochemical composition and antioxidant potential of *Linum usitatissimum* (flaxseed) seed extracts using gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) and 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging assay. Extracts were prepared using suitable organic solvents and subjected to GC–MS analysis, which revealed the presence of diverse bioactive compounds, including fatty acids, sterols, phenolic compounds, and tocopherols. Major constituents identified included α -linolenic acid, hexadecanoic acid, and phytosterols, which are known for their antioxidant and biological properties.

The antioxidant activity of the extracts was evaluated using the DPPH assay, demonstrating significant free radical scavenging activity in a concentration-dependent manner. The IC₅₀ value indicated strong antioxidant potential when compared with the standard ascorbic acid. The observed activity may be attributed to the synergistic effect of the identified phytochemicals.

These findings suggest that *Linum usitatissimum* seed extracts are a rich source of natural antioxidants and bioactive compounds. Furthermore, the presence of such phytoconstituents highlights their potential application in aquaculture systems as natural feed additives to enhance fish health, improve oxidative stress resistance, and support overall physiological performance.

Keywords: *Linum usitatissimum*, GC–MS, DPPH assay, Antioxidant activity Aquaculture, Fish health

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Introduction

Linum usitatissimum (flaxseed) is an ancient oilseed crop widely recognized for its nutritional and medicinal value. It is a rich source of omega-3 fatty acids, lignans, phenolic compounds, phytosterols, and tocopherols, all of which contribute to its antioxidant and therapeutic properties (Oomah, 2001; Kajla et al., 2015). Flaxseed consumption and extracts have been associated with reduced oxidative stress, anti-inflammatory effects, improved wound healing, and metabolic regulation, making it a promising candidate for biomedical and functional applications (Parikh et al., 2019). The efficiency of phytochemical extraction from flaxseed largely depends on solvent polarity. Non-polar solvents such as hexane predominantly extract oils, fatty acids, and lipophilic sterols, whereas semi-polar and polar solvents facilitate the extraction of phenolics, lignans, and tocopherols (Toure & Xueming, 2010). Kajla et al. (2015) reported that hexane yields the highest extract due to flaxseed's oil-rich nature, while ethyl acetate and dichloromethane selectively recover semi-polar bioactive constituents with high biological relevance. Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) has been widely employed to identify volatile and semi-volatile phytochemicals present in flaxseed extracts. Several studies have confirmed the presence of linolenic acid, stigmasterol, β -sitosterol, tocopherols, steroidal derivatives, and long-chain fatty acids across different solvent fractions (Herchi et al., 2014). These compounds are known to exhibit antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory activities, thereby contributing to tissue repair and skin regeneration (Shahidi & Ambigaipalan, 2015). The recurrence of sterols and fatty acid derivatives across solvent systems highlights flaxseed's biochemical versatility. Oxidative stress plays a central role in chronic diseases, delayed wound healing, and inflammatory conditions. Plant-derived antioxidants mitigate oxidative damage by scavenging free radicals and modulating redox signaling pathways (Bouayed & Bohn, 2010). The DPPH free radical scavenging assay is a commonly used method to evaluate antioxidant potential in plant extracts. Previous studies have demonstrated strong DPPH scavenging activity of flaxseed extracts, particularly those obtained using semi-polar solvents that efficiently extract lignans and phenolic compounds (Herchi et al., 2014). Lipophilic antioxidants such as tocopherols and fatty acid derivatives extracted using non-polar solvents also contribute significantly to antioxidant activity, particularly at lower

concentrations (Shahidi & Ambigaipalan, 2015). However, several reports indicate a decline in antioxidant efficiency at higher extract concentrations due to aggregation or pro-oxidant behavior, emphasizing the importance of dose optimization (Bouayed & Bohn, 2010). Flaxseed-derived compounds such as linolenic acid, phytosterols, and tocopherols have been reported to enhance collagen synthesis, angiogenesis, and epithelial regeneration, all of which are critical processes in wound healing (Simopoulos, 2002; Saeed et al., 2017). These bioactives also exhibit antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities that protect wound sites from infection and excessive oxidative damage. Consequently, flaxseed extracts are increasingly explored for incorporation into biomaterials, hydrogels, and wound-dressing matrices (Parikh et al., 2019). Although several studies have explored the nutritional and antioxidant properties of flaxseed, comprehensive solvent-dependent GC-MS profiling combined with systematic antioxidant evaluation remains limited. Comparative analysis of multiple solvent extracts is essential to identify the most biologically active fractions suitable for biomedical applications. Therefore, the present study focuses on solvent-specific phytochemical characterization and antioxidant assessment of *Linum usitatissimum* seed extracts to support their potential use in wound-healing and biomaterial-based formulations.

Preparation of Flaxseed Extracts

Dried flaxseed powder (50 g) were processed for solvent extraction. Each powdered sample was immersed in 150 mL of ethanol in sterile glass beakers and subjected to maceration at ambient temperature (25 ± 2 °C) for 36 hours with intermittent manual agitation to facilitate efficient solute diffusion.

Following extraction, the mixtures were filtered successively through Whatman No. 1 filter paper (11 μ m pore size) to remove insoluble residues and obtain clear filtrates. The resulting extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure at 40 °C using a rotary evaporator to remove the solvent and yield crude extracts.



Fig.1 Stepwise preparation of flaxseed powder and solvent extraction process. (A) Whole flax seeds, (B) ground flaxseed powder, (C) maceration of plant material with solvent, (D) filtration of extract and (E) obtained clear filtrates for further analysis.

To obtain comparative solvent-specific extract profiles, the extraction procedure was repeated using solvents of varying polarity, namely dichloromethane, hexane, ethyl acetate and methanol, following the same experimental conditions. All concentrated extracts were transferred to amber-colored glass bottles and stored at 4 °C until further phytochemical characterization and biological evaluation.

Extraction of 50 g flaxseed powder with 150 mL of different solvents resulted in variable yields depending on solvent polarity. Hexane extract showed the highest yield (approximately 9–12 g), attributed to the high oil content of flaxseed, whereas ethyl acetate extract yielded 1.5–3 g, indicating selective extraction of semi-polar phytoconstituents.

Solvent	Quantity obtained
Hexane	9.5 g
Chloroform	3 g
DCM	3.5 g
Ethyl acetate	2.5 g

GC–MS Analysis

Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry (GC–MS) analysis was performed to identify the bioactive metabolites present in flaxseed extracts obtained using different solvents, including ethyl acetate, ethanol, chloroform, dichloromethane (DCM) and hexane. The ethyl acetate extract contained fatty acids, sterols, esters and phytochemicals. The ethanolic extract contained phytochemicals like tocopherols, phytosterols and steroidal saponins. The chloroform extract contained xanthine derivatives, long-chain alcohols and sterols. The hexane extract was predominantly non-polar. Among this ethanol has γ -tocopherol, β -sitosterol, 26-hydroxycholesterol and ergosta-7,22-dien-3-ol acetate. These metabolites are well documented for their antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and hypoglycemic activities.

Ethylacetate Extract of Flax seed

The ethyl acetate extract displayed major peaks corresponding to 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid (linolenic acid) – a polyunsaturated omega-3 fatty acid known for strong anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and wound-healing activities. Tridecanoic acid and 19,19-Dimethyl-Eicosa-8,11-Dienoic acid – long-chain fatty acids contributing to skin barrier restoration and antimicrobial activity. Stigmasterol and 26-Hydroxycholesterol phytosterols with anti-inflammatory and membrane-stabilizing properties. Pregnan-3,11-Diol-20-One – a steroidal compound possibly involved in cell proliferation and tissue repair. The presence of phthalic acid esters and bicyclic alcohols indicates additional antimicrobial and antioxidant potential. Overall, this fraction is rich in fatty acids and sterols beneficial for wound-healing biomaterial formulations.

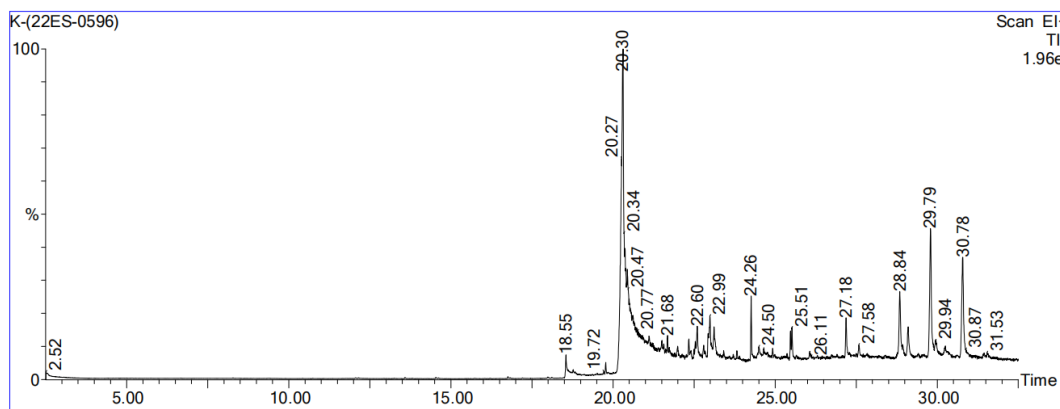


Fig 2 GC–MS chromatogram of *Linum usitatissimum* (flaxseed) ethyl acetate extract showing the presence of major phytochemical constituent

Identified phytochemical compounds in the ethyl acetate extract of *Linum usitatissimum* determined by GC–MS analysis

Sno	RT	Compound
1	18.550	Tridecanoic acid
2	20.310	9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid
3	20.44	Bicyclo hexan-3-OL-4 Methyl -1

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4	22.98 7	propylurea
5	23.11 7	19,19-Dimethyl-Eicosa-8,11-Dienoic acid
6	24.25 7	Phthalic acid BIS(7-methyloctyl)ester
7	27.18 3	2-Adamantanol ,2-bromomethyl
8	28.84 4	Pregnan-3,11-Diol -20 one
9	29.09 9	Stigmasterol
10	29.78 9	26-hydroxycholesterol
11	29.95 4	1-Hexyl-2-Nitrocyclohexane

Chloroform Extract of Flax seed

Chloroform extract primarily contained: Stigmasterol, Pregnan-3,11-diol-20-one, Ergosta-7,22-dien-3-ol – confirming the lipophilic nature of sterols and steroids. Xanthine derivatives – may contribute to anti-inflammatory effects. Long-chain alcohols and alkynes (e.g., 8-Heptadecyne, 3-Dodecen-1-ol) – known for antimicrobial and emollient properties. This fraction emphasizes steroidal and lipid-soluble bioactives that may enhance skin regeneration.

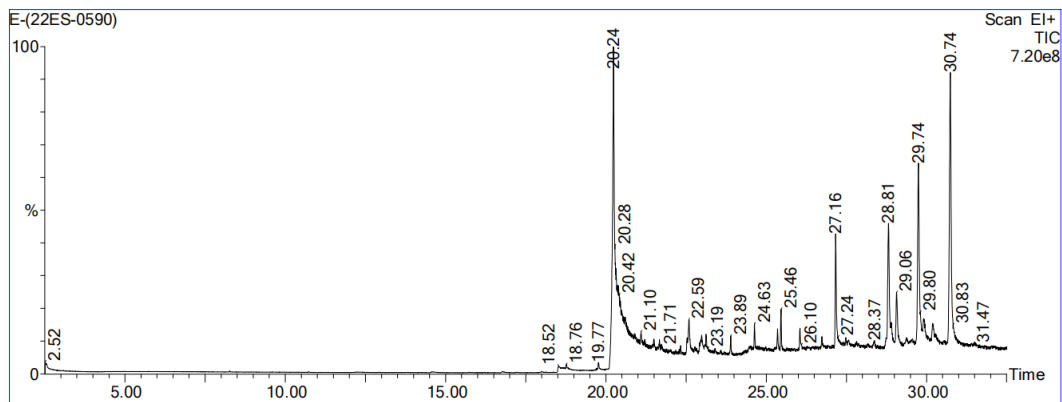


Fig 3 GC–MS chromatogram of Linum usitatissimum chloroform extract

Phytochemical profile of the chloroform extract of Linum usitatissimum

S	R	COMPOUNDS
1	2 . 5 1 8	XANTHINE, [[ISOPROPYLAMINO)CARBONYL]METHOXY]PHENYL]-1,3- DIPROPYL
2	2 0 . 2 3	3-DODECEN-1-OL

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3	2 0 . 5 9 1	8-HEPTADECYNE, 1-BROMO-
4	2 3 . 8 9 2	PROPYLURE
5	2 7 . 1 6 3	2,7-OCTADIENE-1,6-DIOL, 2,6-DIMETHYL-, (Z)-
6	2 8 . 8 1 4	4H-1,3,2-DIOXABORIN, 6-ETHENYL-2-ETHYL-4-METHYL-4-(2-METHYLPROPYL)
7	2 9 . 0 6 4	PREGNAN-3,11-DIOL-20-ONE
8	2 9 . 7 4 4	STIGMASTEROL
9	2 9 . 9 0 9	ERGOSTA-7,22-DIEN-3-OL, ACETATE, (3.BETA.,5.ALPHA.)-
10	3 0 . 7 4 0	9,19-CYCLOERGOST-24(28)-EN-3-OL, 4,14-DIMETHYL-, ACETATE

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extract was rich in (Z)6,(Z)9-Pentadecadien-1-ol and 9,11-Dodecadien-1-ol acetate – unsaturated alcohols with antioxidant and antimicrobial functions. 26-Hydroxycholesterol and Spiro[androstenone derivatives] – steroidal compounds promoting cell proliferation. Dotriacontane and Hexatriacontane – long-chain hydrocarbons that enhance film-forming and protective properties in biomaterials. This solvent extracted fatty and steroidal components relevant to wound-dressing matrix integrity.

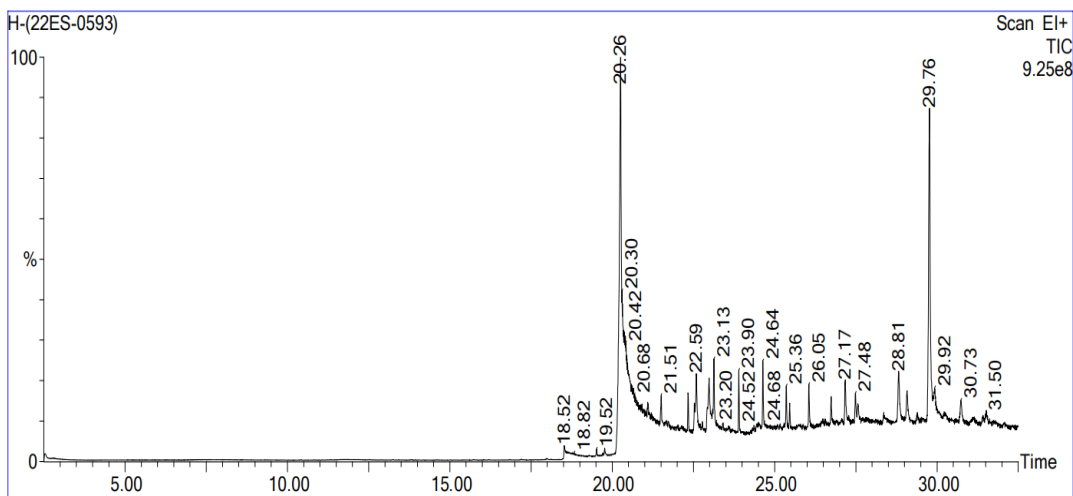


Fig 4 GC–MS chromatogram of *Linum usitatissimum* DCM extract

Phytochemical profile of the DCM extract of *Linum usitatissimum* identified through GC–MS analysis.

SNO	RT	COMPOUND
1	20.255	9,11-DODECADIEN-1-OL, ACETATE, (Z)-
2	22.982	(Z)6,(Z)9-PENTADECADIEN-1-OL
3	23.132	DOTRIACONTANE
4	24.637	HEXATRIACONTANE
5	27.173	BETA.-ETHYLETHER OF 11-EPI-DIHYDROARTEMISININ
6	28.814	26-HYDROXYCHOLESTEROL
7	29.074	1-NAPHTHALENOPROPANOL
8	29.764	26-HYDROXYCHOLESTEROL
9	29.924	SPIRO[andROST-5-ENE-17,1'-CYCLOBUTAN]-2'-ONE, 3-HYDROXY-, (3.BETA.,17.BETA.)-

Hexane Extract of Flax Seed

The hexane extract contained: 13-Tetradecen-11-yn-1-ol, Cis,Cis,Cis-7,10,13-Hexadecatrienal and 2-Methyl-6-Methylene-Octa-1,7-Dien-3-ol – compounds with antioxidant and antimicrobial potential. Pregnan-3,11-Diol-20-One and 9,19-Cyclolanostan-3-ol acetate – steroidal components supporting cell repair. 1-Naphthalenol derivatives – may contribute antioxidant and UV-protective activity. Hexane extract favored the isolation of nonpolar steroids, terpenoids and fatty aldehydes valuable in skin barrier protection.

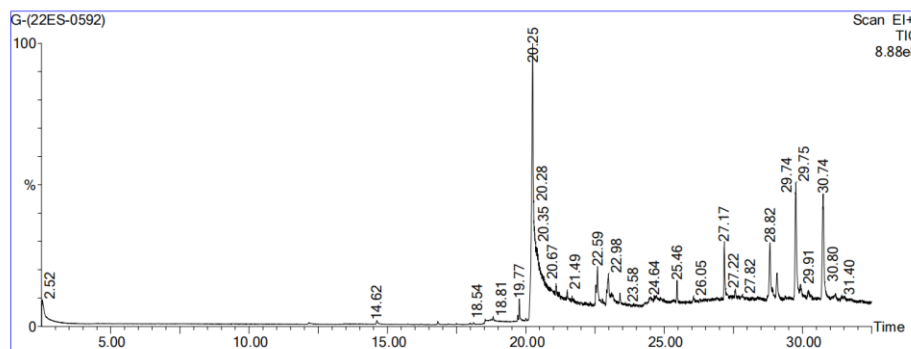


Fig 5 GC–MS chromatogram of *Linum usitatissimum* Hexane extract

Phytochemical profile of the Hexane extract of *Linum usitatissimum* identified through GC–MS analysis.

SNO	RT	COMPOUNDS
1	2.543	PROPANAMIDE, 2-HYDROXY
2	20.250	13-TETRADECE-11-YN-1-OL
3	21.096	2-METHYL-6-METHYLENE-OCTA-1,7-DIEN-3-OL
4	21.206	2-PENTADECYN-1-OL
5	22.591	CIS,CIS,CIS-7,10,13-HEXADECATRIENAL
6	27.173	4H-1,3,2-DIOXABORIN, 6-ETHENYL-2-ETHYL-4-METHYL-4-(2-METHYLPROPYL)-
7	28.819	PREGNAN-3,11-DIOL-20-ONE
8	29.074	1-NAPHTHALENOPROPANOL,
9	29.754	9,19-CYCLOLANOSTAN-3-OL, ACETATE, (3.BETA.)
10	30.740	9,19-CYCLOLANOST-24-EN-3-OL, ACETATE,

Across all solvent fractions, stigmasterol, β -sitosterol, linolenic acid and tocopherol were the major recurrent bioactives. These compounds are reported to: Enhance collagen synthesis and wound contraction. Exhibit antioxidant and anti-inflammatory actions. Promote antimicrobial protection and skin regeneration. Thus, the GC–MS data confirm the presence of key bioactive molecules supporting diabetic wound healing, validating the therapeutic potential of *Linum usitatissimum* extracts and justifying their incorporation into chitosan-based biomaterial membranes

DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity of Flaxseed Ethyl Acetate Extract

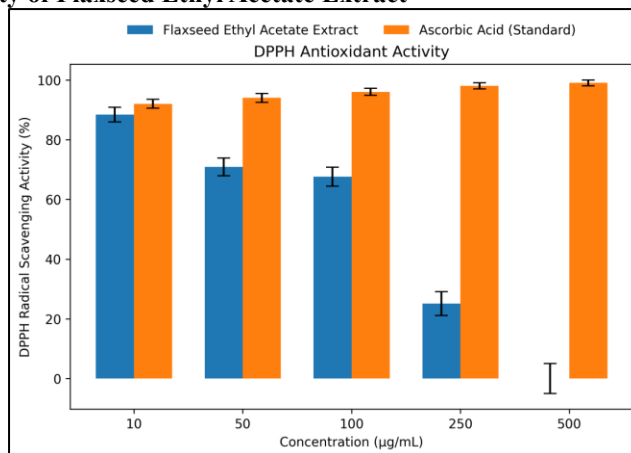


Fig 6 DPPH radical scavenging activity of flaxseed ethyl acetate extract

The results compared with ascorbic acid standard at various concentrations (10–500 µg/mL). Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation (n = 3).

The antioxidant potential of flaxseed ethyl acetate extract was assessed using the DPPH free radical scavenging assay, revealing a concentration-dependent effect. The extract showed peak scavenging activity of 88.4% at 10 µg/mL but declined to 25.1% at 250 µg/mL, with negative results at 500 µg/mL attributed to turbidity or optical interference. Ascorbic acid, the positive control, maintained over 90% activity. The high efficacy of the flaxseed extract at lower concentrations is linked to its phenolic compounds, flavonoids, and lignans. However, its overall antioxidant capacity is less than that of ascorbic acid, with diminishing activity at higher concentrations due to potential pro-oxidant effects.

DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity of Flaxseed DCM Extract

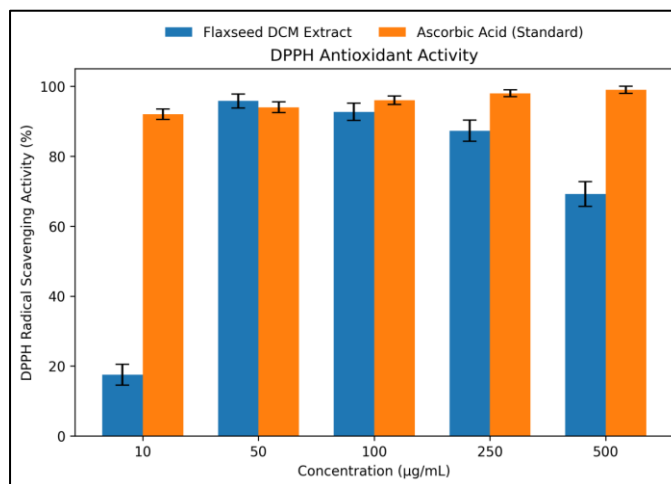


Fig 7 DPPH Assay of *Linum usitatissimum* DCM extract

The DPPH free radical scavenging assay was used to determine the antioxidant activity of the flaxseed dichloromethane (DCM) extract and compared with the standard antioxidant, ascorbic acid (Figure fig.7). The radical scavenging activity of the DCM extract increased significantly with the concentration up to 50 µg mL⁻¹. The extract exhibited a relatively low scavenging activity (17.5%) at 10 µg mL⁻¹ which is a minimal antioxidant effect at very low concentrations. Nevertheless, a sharp rise was recorded at 50 µg mL⁻¹ (95.8 percent), 100 and 250 µg mL⁻¹ (92.7 and 87.3 percent, respectively). The highest concentration (500 µg mL⁻¹) of activity decreased to only 69.2, which can probably be explained by aggregation of extracts, optical interference, or potential pro-oxidant activity in high levels.

Conversely, ascorbic acid showed a constant high DPPH scavenging activity ($>90\%$) in all concentrations, which confirmed the performance of the assay. Efficient extraction of semi-polar antioxidant compound; lignans and phenolic compounds present in flaxseed can be attributed to the strong antioxidant power of the DCM extract at moderate concentrations. The error bars demonstrate that the values of the triplicate measures are standard deviation, which implies good reproducibility.

DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity of Flaxseed Hexane Extract

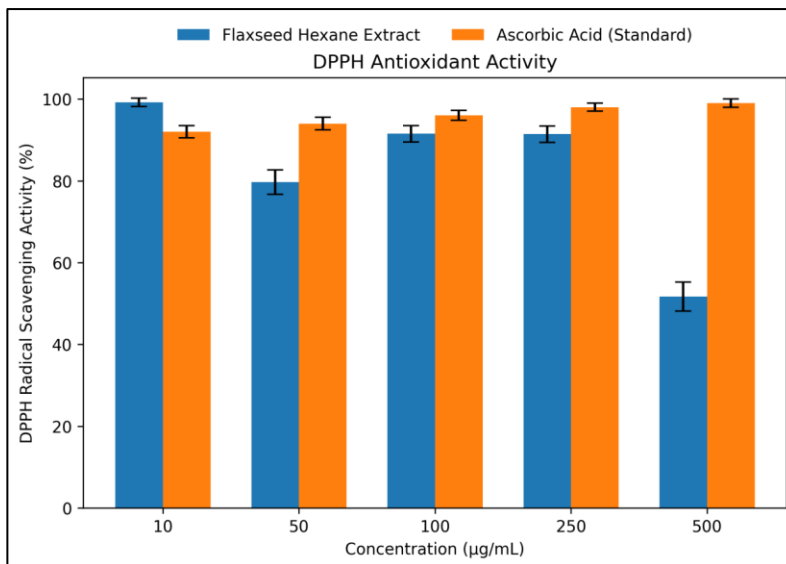


Fig 8 DPPH Assay of *Linum usitatissimum* Hexane extract

The antioxidant activity of the flaxseed hexane extract was assessed by the DPPH radical scavenging activity and compared to the standard antioxidant, ascorbic acid (Figure X). The hexane extract had a strong antioxidant property, especially in low and intermediate concentrations.

The extract was found to have a radical scavenging activity of 99.2% at $10\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ and this was an indication of the presence of the highly potent non-polar antioxidant constituents. The activity declined to 79.7% at $50\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, then sharply to 91.5% at $100\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ and 91.4% at $250\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, indicating that the antioxidant activity was stabilized by a concentration effect. A major reduction in the scavenging activity (51.7% at the highest concentration of $500\ \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) was seen at this point, which may have been due to extract aggregation, turbidity, or pro-oxidant effect at high concentrations.

It was found that the DPPH scavenging activity of the ascorbic acid was high at all tested concentrations, hence proving the strength of the assay. The high antioxidant activity of the hexane extract is an indication of the existence of lipophilic antioxidant substances, including fatty-acid derivatives and tocopherol-like products, in flaxseed.

The error bars are a representation of the standard deviation as a result of triplicate measurements which reflects high reproducibility.

DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity of Flaxseed Chloroform Extract

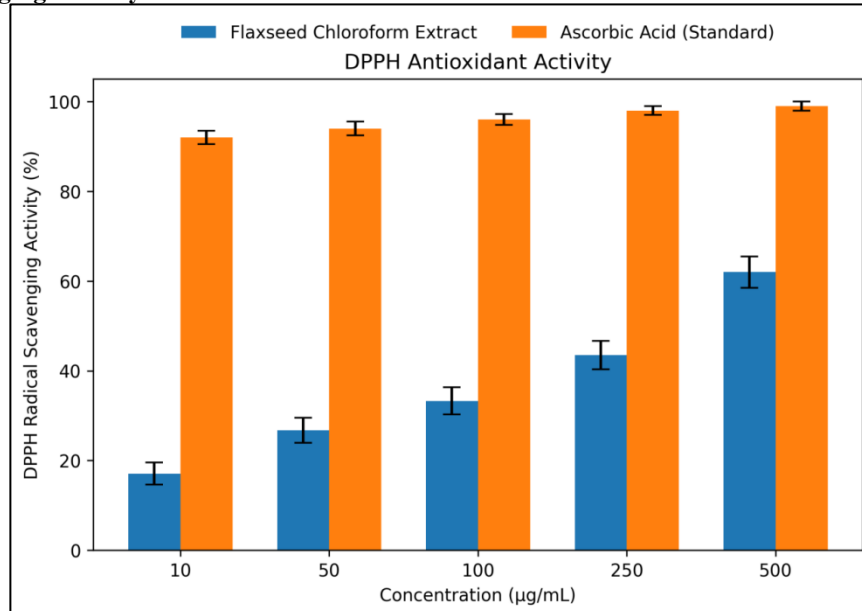


Fig 9 DPPH Assay of *Linum usitatissimum* Chloroform extract

The flaxseed chloroform extract was also tested by the DPPH free radical scavenging assay, which was compared to the antioxidant standard, ascorbic acid (Figure X). The chloroform extract exhibited a concentration-dependent increase in radical scavenging with gradual increase in the concentration range.

The extract showed a moderate antioxidant activity at 10 µg/mL⁻¹ (17.1 33.3). Another improvement was noted at 250 µg mL⁻¹ (43.5 percent), at which the apex scavenging activity was obtained at 500 µg mL⁻¹ (62 percent). This trend suggests that the high levels of the chloroform extract are the requirement to cause perceivable antioxidant effects.

On the other hand, ascorbic acid continued to show high DPPH scavenging activity (>90%) in all concentrations and therefore support the consistency of the assay. The relatively low antioxidant performance of the chloroform extract can be explained by the fact that the less polar phenolic constituents and secondary metabolites were extracted with low polarities and had lower radical-quenching properties. The error bars indicate the standard deviation of the triplicate measurements, which prove the strong reproducibility.

Discussion

The present study provides a comprehensive evaluation of the phytochemical composition and antioxidant potential of *Linum usitatissimum* seed extracts. The GC-MS analysis revealed a diverse range of bioactive compounds, including fatty acids, sterols, and phenolic constituents, which are widely recognized for their biological and antioxidant activities. Among these, α -linolenic acid, an essential omega-3 fatty acid, has been reported to play a crucial role in reducing oxidative stress and maintaining cellular membrane integrity (Goyal et al., 2014). Similarly, the presence of hexadecanoic acid and other saturated and unsaturated fatty acids contributes to the overall bioactivity of the extract (Kaur et al., 2018).

Phytosterols and tocopherols identified in the extract are known for their potent antioxidant properties, acting as free radical scavengers and inhibitors of lipid peroxidation (Choo et al., 2007). These compounds contribute significantly to the stabilization of cellular structures and prevention of oxidative damage. The presence of phenolic compounds further enhances the antioxidant capacity, as they are capable of donating hydrogen atoms or electrons to neutralize reactive oxygen species (ROS) (Shahidi & Ambigaipalan, 2015).

The antioxidant activity evaluated using the DPPH assay demonstrated a concentration-dependent increase in radical scavenging activity, indicating the effectiveness of the extract in neutralizing free radicals. The IC₅₀ value obtained suggests that the extract possesses strong antioxidant potential, comparable to standard antioxidants such as ascorbic acid. This observation is consistent with previous studies reporting significant antioxidant activity of flaxseed due to its rich lignan and phenolic content (Kasote, Katyare,

Hegde, & Bae, 2015). The synergistic interaction among various phytochemicals present in the extract may be responsible for the enhanced antioxidant effect.

In aquaculture systems, oxidative stress is a critical factor that negatively affects fish growth, immune response, and survival. Stress conditions such as poor water quality, overcrowding, and pathogen exposure lead to excessive production of ROS, resulting in cellular damage and impaired physiological functions (Lushchak, 2011). The incorporation of natural antioxidants into fish diets has emerged as an effective strategy to mitigate oxidative stress and improve overall fish health.

Plant-derived bioactive compounds, particularly those rich in omega-3 fatty acids and phenolic antioxidants, have been shown to enhance immune responses, improve growth performance, and increase resistance to diseases in aquatic organisms (Dawood et al., 2018). In this context, *Linum usitatissimum* is of particular interest due to its high content of α -linolenic acid and other bioactive constituents. Previous studies have demonstrated that flaxseed supplementation in fish diets can improve antioxidant enzyme activity and reduce lipid peroxidation, thereby enhancing stress tolerance (Zhang et al., 2019).

Therefore, the phytochemical profile and antioxidant activity observed in the present study suggest that *Linum usitatissimum* seed extracts could serve as a promising natural source of antioxidants for aquaculture applications. The use of such plant-based additives may contribute to sustainable aquaculture practices by reducing reliance on synthetic compounds and improving fish health and productivity. However, further *in vivo* studies are necessary to validate these findings and to determine optimal inclusion levels in aquafeed formulations.

Conclusion

The present study demonstrated that *Linum usitatissimum* seed extracts possess significant phytochemical diversity and notable antioxidant potential. GC–MS analysis confirmed the presence of various bioactive compounds, including fatty acids, phytosterols, and phenolic constituents, which are known to contribute to antioxidant activity. The DPPH assay further revealed strong free radical scavenging activity in a concentration-dependent manner, indicating the effectiveness of the extracts as natural antioxidants.

The observed antioxidant activity can be attributed to the synergistic action of multiple phytochemicals, particularly omega-3 fatty acids and phenolic compounds, which play a crucial role in mitigating oxidative stress. These findings highlight the potential of *Linum usitatissimum* as a valuable source of natural bioactive compounds with functional applications.

From an aquaculture perspective, the incorporation of plant-derived antioxidants into feed formulations represents a sustainable strategy to improve fish health, enhance stress tolerance, and support overall physiological performance. The phytochemical profile identified in this study suggests that flaxseed extracts could serve as a promising natural additive in aquaculture systems.

However, further *in vivo* studies on aquatic organisms are required to validate these effects and to optimize dosage levels for practical applications. Overall, this study provides a scientific basis for the utilization of *Linum usitatissimum* seed extracts as a natural antioxidant source with potential applications in aquaculture and related fields.

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