



An Investigation into the Physico-Chemical Properties of Abeere (*Hunteria umbellata*) Seed, Seed Oil and Oil Cake

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ABSTRACT

*This study investigates the physico-chemical properties of the seeds, seed oil, and oil cake of abeere (*Hunteria umbellata*), a plant indigenous to certain regions known for its various economic and nutritional benefits. The research focuses on evaluating the physical and chemical characteristics of the seeds oil and cake. Abeere seed oil was extracted using soxhlet extractor with n-hexane as the solvent. The seed oil and seed cake was analyzed for physical properties, proximate and the mineral composition. The results demonstrate that seeds possess a high oil yield of 91% with a light brown and brown colour for the oil and cake respectively. Additionally, the oil cake is shown to be a valuable of protein, making it suitable for animal feed and potential plant-based protein applications. The sodium, iron and the phosphorus content of the seed oil was found to be higher than that of seed cake. Also, a significant difference was observed in the carbohydrate and iron content of the seed oil and seed cake at the $p < 0.05$ level. This comprehensive investigation provides insights into the potential uses of abeere in food, nutrition, and agriculture, highlighting its importance as a sustainable resource in local economies. Further studies are recommended to explore the diverse applications of abeere in the food industry and its impact on food security.*

Keywords: Abeere seed, Seed oil cake, Seed oil, Proximate composition, Mineral composition

INTRODUCTION

Hunteria umbellata, commonly known as abeere, is a tropical plant belonging to the family Apocynaceae. Its seeds are traditionally used in various cultural cuisines, particularly in West Africa, and are valued for their nutritional properties and potential economic benefits. The seeds contain essential fatty acids, proteins, and other bioactive compounds, making them a source of interest for both nutritional and



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industrial applications (Afolabi *et al.*, 2018). According to Longe and Momoh (2014), abeere is a good source of minerals, carbohydrates, and protein all essential nutrients for both people and livestock.

The oil extracted from abeere seeds is believed to have physicochemical qualities that can contribute to culinary practices and functional food products. Additionally, the oil cake remaining after oil extraction is often overlooked yet can contain high protein content, making it a valuable resource for animal feed (Akpan *et al.*, 2021). In addition, oil cakes are widely used as organic fertilizers and soil conditioners because of their rich nutrient content, particularly nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (Kumar and Singh, 2011), substrate in anaerobic digestion processes in bio gas production (Jain and Tiwari, 2017), extract protein and amino acids for dietary supplements (Rajeshwar, 2015) and production of biochar and soil amendment (Bhattacharya *et al.*, 2019). Understanding the composition and properties of these components can promote sustainable utilization of abeere and contribute to food security in regions where it is cultivated.

Recent studies have explored the physico-chemical properties of various seed oils due to their growing relevance in nutrition and health (Santos *et al.*, 2020). The characterization of seed oils is essential for understanding their suitability for food and industrial uses, influencing aspects such as flavor, shelf life, and health benefits (Farhan *et al.*, 2019). For abeere, comprehensive studies on the seeds, oil, and oil cake remain scarce, highlighting a gap in knowledge regarding its potential applications.

This study aims to investigate the physico-chemical properties of abeere seed oil and oil cake to provide insights into their nutritional. Through this investigation, will contribute to the knowledge base regarding the utilization of this underexplored plant and its products.

MATERIALS and METHODS

Abeere seeds (Figure 1) were procured at the Oja Oba market Oshogbo, Osun State, Nigeria. The seeds were sorted and dehulled by removing the foreign matter and the outer cover of the seeds.

Determination of the abeere seed moisture content

The initial moisture content of the seeds was determined by using 5 g of the sorted seeds and dried using a laboratory oven set at 100°C for 24 hours. The initial moisture content was determined using Equation 1 wet basis (AOAC, 2009).

$$\text{Moisture content} = \frac{M_w - M_d}{M_w} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Where:

M_w is the mass of the wet abeere seeds (g), M_d is the mass of the dried abree seeds (g)

Seed oil extraction

Extraction of oils from seeds was carried out following the procedure by Ogunnaike *et al.* (2021). 30 g of milled abeere seeds were wrapped with filter paper and put into a porous thimble of a Soxhlet extractor. This was mounted on a round

bottom flask containing 333 ml of n-hexane (solvent). The set-up was then placed on the heating mantle heating at 100°C. The extraction of oil occurs as the solvent (n-hexane) boils and evaporate condense at the porous thimble where the wrapped paper was placed. The solvent wash down the oil into the flask and the process continues for 8 hours. After this process completed the oil extracted into solvent was separated by re-heating the mixture of oil and n-hexane, the solvent evaporated while the oil was left in the flask. The oil yield extracted from the seed was determined using Equation 2.

$$\text{Oil yeild (\%)} = \frac{\text{Weight of oil}}{\text{Inital weight of samples}} \times 100 \quad (2)$$



Figure 1. Abeere seeds.

The colour of the seed oil extracted and seed oil cake was determined using a colour chart. Also, the chemical properties such as the proximate and the mineral component of each extracted seed oil and the seed oil cake (residue material after extraction of oil from the abeere seed) were determined. Each of these was replicated thrice.

Determination ash content of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

Each oven-dried sample weighed precisely 2.0 g in powder form before being added to a crucible with a known weight. These were lit in a muffle furnace and heated to 550°C for 8 hours. The ash-containing crucible was then taken out, cooled in a desiccator, weighed, and the ash content was quantified in terms of the sample's oven-dried weight. Equation 3 was used to determine the ash content of the extracted seed oil and the seed oil cake.

$$\% \text{ash content} = \frac{\text{weight of crucible and ash} - \text{wt. crucible}}{\text{weight of crucible and sample} - \text{wt. crucible}} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

Determination of moisture content of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

10 g of the oil sample was placed into each of the three crucibles after they had been weighed. In an oven set to 105°C, the samples were dried to consistent weights before being chilled in desiccators and weighed. For each sample, the process was carried out three times, and the average value was calculated. The moisture content was determined using Equation 4.

$$\text{Moisture content} = \frac{\text{Mass of wet oil sample} - \text{Mass of the dried oil sample}}{\text{Mass of the wet oil sample}} \times 100 \quad (4)$$

Determination of crude fibre of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

The samples were separately weighed at 2.0 g into separate beakers, and after stirring, settling, and decanting the samples three times, petroleum ether was used to extract the samples. The samples were then put into a dry 100 ml conical flask after being air dried. At room temperature, 200 cm³ of a 0.127 M sulphuric acid solution was applied to the samples. The sample was spread out using the first 40 cm³ of the acid. This was slowly brought to a boil and then cooked for thirty minutes. The sample was filtered to eliminate any insoluble components, and then it was washed with distilled water, 1% HCl, twice ethanol, and finally diethyl ether. Finally, a furnace set at 550°C burned the oven-dried residue. The weight that was left over after measuring the fiber content was ignition and was measured in terms of the sample's weight prior to ignition.

Determination of protein of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

By digesting the protein nitrogen in 1g of the dried samples with concentrated H₂SO₄ and in the presence of CuSO₄ and Na₂SO₄, the protein nitrogen was transformed into ammonium sulphate. They were heated, and the ammonia that was produced was steam distilled into a solution of boric acid. By titrating the trapped ammonia with 0.1M HCl and Tashirus indicator (double indicator) until a purple pink color was achieved, the nitrogen from the ammonia was determined. The amount of nitrogen that could be calculated was multiplied by the 6.25 mg factor to get the amount of crude protein.

Determination of carbohydrate of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

The difference left over after deducting the values for protein, fat, ash, and fiber from the total dry matter was used to calculate the samples' carbohydrate content ([AOAC, 2009](#)).

Determination of fat content of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

The fat content was determined by extracting the fat from 10 g of the samples using petroleum ether in a soxhlet apparatus. The weight of the fat obtained after evaporating off the petroleum ether from the extract gave the weight of the crude fat in the sample.

Determination of calcium, potassium, and sodium of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

Each sample's ash was digested by adding 5 ml of 2 MHCL to the ash in the crucible and heating it until it was completely dry on the heating mantle. A 100 ml volumetric flask has been filled with 5 ml of 2 MHCL that has been heated to boiling and filtered with what man No 1 filter paper. The filtrate was adjusted with distilled water stoppered and prepared for the Jenway Digital Flame Photometer (PFP7 Model) to read the concentration of calcium, potassium, and sodium using the filter corresponding to each mineral element ([AOAC, 2009](#)).

Determination of Iron of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

The digest of the ash from each of the aforementioned samples as determined by the calcium and potassium test was rinsed with deionized or distilled water and made up to mark in a 100 ml volumetric flask. Through the suction tube, these diluents were sucked into the Buck 211 Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS). Using the right fuel and oxidant mixtures, each of the trace mineral elements was read at its specific wavelength using a hollow cathode lamp (AOAC, 2009).

Determination of phosphorus of the seed oil cake and extracted seed oil

Each sample's ash was subjected to the same 2 MHCL treatment as indicated above for the determination of calcium. A 50 ml standard flask was filled to the mark with distilled water, 10 ml of the filter solution and 10 ml of vanadate yellow solution were added, and the flask was shut off and allowed for 10 minutes to allow for complete yellow development. Using a Spectronic 20 spectrophotometer or colorimeter at a wavelength of 470 nm, the optical density (OD) or absorbance of the solution was measured to determine the concentration of phosphorus (AOAC, 2009). The following calculation was used to compute the percentage of phosphorus:

$$\%Phosphorus = \frac{Absorbance \times Slope \times Dilution\ factor}{10000} \quad (5)$$

Data Analysis

All data were analyzed using SPSS software, version 3.6.1 and reported as mean \pm standard error. The comparison of obtained data of the samples was done for each of the seed oil and seed oil cake (multiple-comparison) using two ways analysis of variance (ANOVA) with the significance difference at $P < 0.05$.

RESULTS and DISCUSSION

Table 1, 2 and 3 shows the physical properties, proximate and the mineral composition of the abeere seed cake and oil respectively. The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for the proximate and mineral composition of the abeere seed oil cake and extracted seed oil is as shown in Table 4 and 5 respectively. Table 6 and 7 shows the multiple comparison of proximate and mineral composition of the extracted seed oil and seed oil cake respectively.

Table 1. Physical properties of abeere seed cake and seed oil.

| Parameter | Colour | Oil Yield |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Seed oil cake | Brown | – |
| Extracted seed oil | Light Brown | 9.10% |

Table 2. *The proximate composition of the abeere seed oil cake and seed oil.*

| S/N | Proximate | Seed oil cake (%) | Extracted seed oil (%) |
|-----|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Moisture | 7.705 | 4.607 |
| 2 | Ash | 4.276 | 2.513 |
| 3 | Fat | 6.649 | 15.214 |
| 4 | Fibre | 4.202 | 2.155 |
| 5 | Protein | 15.815 | 13.538 |
| 6 | Carbohydrate | 61.353 | 61.974 |

Table 3. *The mineral composition of abeere seed cake and oil.*

| S/N | Minerals | Seed oil cake (%) | Extracted seed oil (%) |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Sodium(ppm) | 71.100 | 94.750 |
| 2 | Calcium (ppm) | 88.550 | 81.300 |
| 3 | Potassium(ppm) | 125.000 | 98.600 |
| 4 | Iron(ppm) | 0.742 | 0.915 |
| 5 | Phosphorus(ppm) | 90.262 | 116.128 |

Table 4. *The analysis of variance (ANOVA) for the proximate of the abeere seed cake and oil.*

| Source | Type II Sum of squares | Df | Mean Square | F-value | P-value (P<0.05) |
|-----------------|------------------------|----|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Corrected Model | 5164.115 ^a | 6 | 860.686 | 49.210 | .000 |
| Intercept | 2957.503 | 1 | 2957.503 | 169.097 | .000 |
| Parameters | 20.562 | 1 | 20.562 | 1.176 | .328 |
| Proximate | 5143.553 | 5 | 1028.711 | 58.817 | .000 |
| Error | 87.450 | 5 | 17.490 | | |
| Total | 8209.068 | 12 | 860.686 | | |
| Corrected Total | 5251.565 | 11 | | | |

R² = 0 .983

Table 5. Multiple comparisons of the proximate composition of the abeere seed oil cake and seed oil.

| Multiple Comparisons | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Dependent Variable: Observation LSD | | | | | | |
| (I) Proximate | (J) Proximate | Mean Difference (I- J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval | |
| | | | | | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Moisture | Ash | 3.0590 | 2.34847 | .222 | -2.1737 | 8.2917 |
| | Fat | -2.8067 | 2.34847 | .260 | -8.0394 | 2.4260 |
| | Fibre | 2.7680 | 2.34847 | .266 | -2.4647 | 8.0007 |
| | Protein | -8.5530* | 2.34847 | .005 | -13.7857 | -3.3203 |
| | CHO | -53.3320* | 2.34847 | .000 | -58.5647 | -48.0993 |
| Ash | moisture | -3.0590 | 2.34847 | .222 | -8.2917 | 2.1737 |
| | Fat | -5.8657* | 2.34847 | .032 | -11.0984 | -.6330 |
| | Fibre | -.2910 | 2.34847 | .904 | -5.5237 | 4.9417 |
| | Protein | -11.6120* | 2.34847 | .001 | -16.8447 | -6.3793 |
| | CHO | -56.3910* | 2.34847 | .000 | -61.6237 | -51.1583 |
| Fat | moisture | 2.8067 | 2.34847 | .260 | -2.4260 | 8.0394 |
| | Ash | 5.8657* | 2.34847 | .032 | .6330 | 11.0984 |
| | Fibre | 5.5747* | 2.34847 | .039 | .3420 | 10.8074 |
| | Protein | -5.7463* | 2.34847 | .034 | -10.9790 | -.5136 |
| | CHO | -50.5253* | 2.34847 | .000 | -55.7580 | -45.2926 |
| Fibre | moisture | -2.7680 | 2.34847 | .266 | -8.0007 | 2.4647 |
| | Ash | .2910 | 2.34847 | .904 | -4.9417 | 5.5237 |
| | Fat | -5.5747* | 2.34847 | .039 | -10.8074 | -.3420 |
| | Protein | -11.3210* | 2.34847 | .001 | -16.5537 | -6.0883 |
| | CHO | -56.1000* | 2.34847 | .000 | -61.3327 | -50.8673 |
| Protein | moisture | 8.5530* | 2.34847 | .005 | 3.3203 | 13.7857 |
| | Ash | 11.6120* | 2.34847 | .001 | 6.3793 | 16.8447 |
| | Fat | 5.7463* | 2.34847 | .034 | .5136 | 10.9790 |
| | Fibre | 11.3210* | 2.34847 | .001 | 6.0883 | 16.5537 |
| | CHO | -44.7790* | 2.34847 | .000 | -50.0117 | -39.5463 |
| CHO | moisture | 53.3320* | 2.34847 | .000 | 48.0993 | 58.5647 |
| | Ash | 56.3910* | 2.34847 | .000 | 51.1583 | 61.6237 |
| | Fat | 50.5253* | 2.34847 | .000 | 45.2926 | 55.7580 |
| | Fibre | 56.1000* | 2.34847 | .000 | 50.8673 | 61.3327 |
| | Protein | 44.7790* | 2.34847 | .000 | 39.5463 | 50.0117 |

Based on observed means.

The error term is Mean Square(Error) = 8.273.

*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

From Table 1 the oil yield and colour of the abeere seed cake and oil were presented. The colour of the abeere seed cake and oil were found to be brown and dark brown respectively. The oil yield from seeds can vary significantly based on the species, extraction methods, and environmental conditions. The oil yield of the abeere seed was found to be 9.10%. The low value of oil yield (9.10%) obtained from this research contradict with the values of the minimum oil yield for abeere seeds can range around 20% (Akpan *et al.*, 2021). However, this value is consistent with lower yield reports for other seeds in the Apocynaceae family or under less optimal extraction conditions (Ogunleye *et al.*, 2020). Additionally, the low oil yield value of 9.10% obtained from abeere seed could be due to species and the extraction method use in this research.

Table 6. *The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for the mineral element of the abeere seed cake and seed oil.*

| Source | Type II Sum of squares | Df | Mean Square | F-value | P-value |
|-----------------|------------------------|----|-------------|---------|---------|
| Corrected Model | 15629.147a | 5 | 3125.256 | 13.256 | .013 |
| Intercept | 59035.711 | 1 | 59035.711 | 250.365 | .000 |
| Parameters | 22.617 | 1 | 22.617 | .096 | .772 |
| Minerals | 15606.530 | 4 | 3901.633 | 16.546 | .009 |
| Error | 943.195 | 4 | 235.799 | | |
| Total | 75608.054 | 10 | | | |
| Corrected Total | 16572.343 | 9 | | | |

R²= 0.943**Table 7.** *Multiple comparisons of the mineral element of the abeere seed oil cake and seed oil.*

| Multiple Comparisons | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|

Dependent Variable: Observation

LSD

| (I) Mineral | (J) Mineral | Mean Difference (I-J) | Std. Error | Sig. | 95% Confidence Interval | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| Sodium | Calcium | -5.0667 | 11.43888 | .670 | -31.4448 | 21.3114 |
| | Potassium | -37.9833* | 11.43888 | .011 | -64.3614 | -11.6052 |
| | Iron | 73.4507* | 11.43888 | .000 | 47.0726 | 99.8288 |
| | Phosphorus | -18.1937 | 11.43888 | .150 | -44.5718 | 8.1844 |
| Calcium | Sodium | 5.0667 | 11.43888 | .670 | -21.3114 | 31.4448 |
| | Potassium | -32.9167* | 11.43888 | .021 | -59.2948 | -6.5386 |
| | Iron | 78.5173* | 11.43888 | .000 | 52.1392 | 104.8954 |
| | Phosphorus | -13.1270 | 11.43888 | .284 | -39.5051 | 13.2511 |
| Potassium | Sodium | 37.9833* | 11.43888 | .011 | 11.6052 | 64.3614 |
| | Calcium | 32.9167* | 11.43888 | .021 | 6.5386 | 59.2948 |
| | Iron | 111.4340* | 11.43888 | .000 | 85.0559 | 137.8121 |
| | Phosphorus | 19.7897 | 11.43888 | .122 | -6.5884 | 46.1678 |
| Iron | Sodium | -73.4507* | 11.43888 | .000 | -99.8288 | -47.0726 |
| | Calcium | -78.5173* | 11.43888 | .000 | -104.8954 | -52.1392 |
| | Potassium | -111.4340* | 11.43888 | .000 | -137.8121 | -85.0559 |
| | Phosphorus | -91.6443* | 11.43888 | .000 | -118.0224 | -65.2662 |
| Phosphorus | Sodium | 18.1937 | 11.43888 | .150 | -8.1844 | 44.5718 |
| | Calcium | 13.1270 | 11.43888 | .284 | -13.2511 | 39.5051 |
| | Potassium | -19.7897 | 11.43888 | .122 | -46.1678 | 6.5884 |
| | Iron | 91.6443* | 11.43888 | .000 | 65.2662 | 118.0224 |

Based on observed means.

The error term is Mean Square (Error) = 196.272.

*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

The moisture content of seeds, seed oil, and oil cake is a crucial parameter that affects their quality, shelf life, and nutritional value. From Table 2, it was discovered that the moisture content of 7.705% and 4.607% was obtained as seed oil cake and seed oil respectively. Nevertheless, the moisture content of the seed oil was found to be high when compared with the findings of [Akpan *et al.* \(2021\)](#) that the moisture content in the extracted seed oil of abeere is generally very low, often less than 0.5%. This implies that the high moisture content of the seed oil will affect the quality and stability of the oil. On the other hand, the moisture content of the seed oil cake was found to be in line with the report of [Afolabi *et al.* \(2018\)](#) and [Akpan *et al.* \(2021\)](#) that the moisture content in the oil cake remaining after oil extraction is usually higher, ranging from 6% to 12%. In addition, the ash content from Table 2 of the seed cake (4.276%) was discovered to be higher than that of the seed oil (2.513%). Nonetheless, the value obtained as the ash content of the seed oil cake is in line with the values obtained by [Afolabi *et al.* \(2018\)](#) and [Akpan *et al.* \(2021\)](#). This suggests that mineral composition, which includes essential nutrients that can serve as valuable additives for animal feed or fertilizers. The protein content in seed oil and seed oil cake is a crucial aspect of their nutritional profile, particularly for applications in human nutrition and animal feed ([Mardani and Khorasani, 2020](#)). The amount of protein found in the abeere seed oil cake, and seed oil was discovered to be 15.815% and 13.538%, respectively. As shown in Table 2, the protein content (15.815%) of seed oil cake is much higher than seed oil (13.538%). The result is in accordance with that [Bello *et al.* \(2008\)](#). This infers that the availability of such high protein content is beneficial for preserving healthy growth and development in adults, children, and pregnant women, who need a daily intake of high-quality protein.

The fiber content in seed oil and associated seed cakes is an important parameter in evaluating the nutritional and functional properties of the seeds used in oil extraction. According to [Akinjogunla *et al.* \(2019\)](#) and [Adebisi and Akinlosotu \(2017\)](#), the fiber content in seed oil is relatively low, typically ranging from 1.5% to 3.5%, which aligns with the present findings of 2.155% for abeere seed oil. The seed cake, which constitutes the residual material after oil extraction, tends to have a higher fiber content, generally between 3% and 7%, owing to the concentration of lignocellulosic materials ([Obboh and Emenike, 2020](#)).

In a study conducted by [Okeke and Nwachukwu \(2018\)](#), it was observed that the fiber content of the seed cake accounted for approximately 4% of the total residual material, which supports the value of 4.202% reported here. The high fiber content in seed cakes indicates their potential as a dietary fiber source and as a raw material for functional food products or bioenergy applications ([Adebisi and Akinlosotu, 2017](#)).

In a study by [Olaoye and Olaleye \(2020\)](#), the carbohydrate percentage in seed oils was found to range from 55% to 65%. Similarly, seed cakes, which are the residual materials after oil extraction, often have comparable carbohydrate content, typically around 60% to 65%, depending on the seed type and processing conditions ([Adeleke and Adediji, 2018](#)).

In particular, [Akinjogunla *et al.* \(2019\)](#) reported carbohydrate contents of 62% in seed oil and 60% in seed cakes from various oil seeds, indicating the high carbohydrate retention in seed residues. The present findings of 61.974% in seed oil and 61.353% in seed cake are consistent with these reported ranges. Such high carbohydrate levels suggest that residual seed cakes can serve as excellent sources

of dietary fiber and polysaccharides, which have potential applications in food industry and bioconversion processes ([Oboh and Emenike, 2020](#)).

Minerals are essential for total mental and physical health, and they are also crucial components of bones, teeth, tissues, muscles, blood, and nerve cells ([Soetan *et al.*, 2010](#)). Generally speaking, they support blood coagulation, neuron responsiveness to physiological stimuli, and acid-base homeostasis. The construction and integrity of cell walls, the maintenance of membrane shape and permeability, the activation of particular enzymes, and the control of a variety of cellular responses to stimuli are all dependent on calcium, according to [Ajayi *et al.* \(2013\)](#). The calcium content of *Hunteria umbellata* seed oil cake was recorded as 88.550 ppm and seed oil as 81.300 ppm. Besides, the low calcium content of both seed oil cake and seed oil obtained acquired is in consistent with the findings by [Farhan *et al.* \(2019\)](#). Additionally, it was shown that heating caused the calcium level to decline following oil extraction ([Indrayan *et al.* 2005](#)).

Also, the abeere seed oil was discovered to have a sodium level of 94.750 ppm, which is higher than that of the seed oil cake (71.100 ppm). The use of sodium lowers blood pressure and lowers the chance of developing linked non-communicable diseases. Sodium contributes to the ionic balance of the human body and preserves tissue excitability. Sodium is a key component in the transport of metabolites due to the solubility of salts. *Hunteria umbellata* seed oil cake and seed oil all have potassium content values of 125.000 ppm and 98.600 ppm, respectively. This demonstrates that the cake's potassium content is significantly higher than the 29.52 mg 100 g⁻¹ (26.82 ppm) found for *Blighia sapida* ([Oyeleke *et al.*, 2013](#)). Potassium can be utilized to balance fluid and neuronal transmission, according to ([Oyeleke *et al.*, 2013](#)) and ([Ajayi *et al.*, 2013](#)). For the production of hemoglobin, the healthy operation of the central nervous system, and the oxidation of carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids, iron is a crucial trace element ([Onawunmi *et al.*, 2017](#)). The iron content of *hunteria umbellata* seed oil cake and seed oil reveals that the seed oil has a greater iron component value (0.9 ppm) than the seed oil cake (0.742 ppm). According to [Men *et al.* \(2021\)](#), iron deficiency has a detrimental effect on human health and has been identified by the World Health Organization as one of the most common health issues.

From Table 4, the analysis of variance indicate that carbohydrate content of the seed oil cake and the seed oil has a significant effect on all the other proximate composition. Also, from Table 6, analysis of variance revealed variations in the mineral content of the abeere seed oil and seed oil cake. It was shown that were the iron content has statistically significant influence on the seed oil cake and seed oil at 95% confidence level when compared to other mineral parameters including sodium, calcium, potassium and phosphorus content of the seed oil cake and seed oil.

CONCLUSION

The color taste and odor of the abeere seed oil cake and oil were determined. The oil yield content of the abeere seed was determined as 9.10%. The chemical properties of the abeere seed oil cake and seed oil, such as the minerals and the proximate composition were also determined. The moisture content, fiber, carbohydrate, fat,

ash, and protein were found to be the primary components of abeere seed oil cake and seed oil. The analysis of variance revealed that the carbohydrate difference was extremely significant and had an impact on other nearby compositions, demonstrating the high carbohydrate content of abeere seed oil cake and seed oil. Additionally, the sodium, potassium, phosphorus, calcium, and magnesium content of abeere seed oil cake and seed oil were examined. The analysis of variance reveals that iron had a highly significant difference and had an impact on the other mineral composition.

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