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# Potential Use of *Moringa oleifera* as Natural Coagulant and Biotreatment Agent to Improve Water Quality

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#### Abstract:

The availability and quality of water have always played an important part in determining the quality of life. Lack of potable water is a huge problem and a major cause of death and disease in the world. The use of natural plant extracts for the treatment of water has been recorded throughout human history. *Moringa oleifera* (Moringaceae) is highly important plant distributed in tropics and subtropics regions of the world. The use of *M. oleifera* as a natural coagulant and biotreatment agent to improve water quality is because of its ability to reduce turbidity and microbial presence in the water. Seeds of this tropical tree contain water-soluble, positively charged proteins that act as an effective coagulant for water and wastewater treatment. In this issue, Ibiene et al. determine the efficacy of *M. oleifera* seed powder as a coagulant in wastewater treatment and a biotreatment agent to improve surface water quality. *M. oleifera* could be viewed as sustainable, appropriate, effective, and robust water treatment means.



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