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Moringa oleifera (*Moringaceae*): A Miracle Tree in Pharmacognosy

CHAPTER 8 Part A: Industrial Applications, Sustainability, and Future Prospects

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Abstract

Moringa oleifera, native to Indian subcontinent also known as the miracle tree because of its multipurpose significance in nutrition, pharmaceuticals, environmental along with many industrial applications. It has rich composition of phytochemicals including flavonoids, phenolic acids, alkaloids, phytosterols, glucosinolates, along with the growth factors, vitamins, amino acids, essential minerals, proteins and metals like iron, potassium and zinc. Moringa positions itself as a functional ingredient, in addressing malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies and also a promising nutritional intervention due to its elevated protein content and high bioavailability. The diverse pharmacological activities of *M. oleifera* includes anti-inflammation, antioxidant, anti-diabetic, anti-proliferation, hepatoprotective, anti-atherosclerotic, anti-peroxidative, cardioprotective and neuroprotective effects support herbal formulation and preventive healthcare services in pharmaceutical domain. *M. oleifera* oil and bioactive extracts are used in cosmetic industry for their protecting and rejuvenating properties, and the seeds have significant potential in low-cost water purification technologies. Industrial value of *M. oleifera* have further enhanced due to the advanced biotechnological processing such as green extraction techniques, nano-formulations and metabolomic driven profiling. The adaptability of the plant to diverse climatic conditions, minimum maintenance and carbon sequestration potential makes it an ideal plant for climate resilient agriculture from a sustainable perspective. It's expanding global market gives substantial opportunities for agri-based economies and rural entrepreneurship. Despite its vast potential, challenges related to phytochemical composition, regulatory constraints and lack of standardized protocols remains significant barriers to large scale commercialization. Further research should be focus on multi omic integration, clinical validation, precision nutrition strategies to answer its full potential. Overall, this chapter covers a comprehensive overview of active ingredients and their role in the industrial applications, sustainability dimension and future prospects of *M. oleifera*.

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1. Introduction

Moringa oleifera is the ideal agricultural product in response to the global demand for a sustainable bioresource that is both resilient, adaptable and multifactorially advantageous - providing a plant-based source with high nutrient density and an abundance of beneficial pharmacologically active compounds. Originating from northern India and presently cultivated as a crop across the world in tropical and subtropical climates (1), *M. oleifera* features characteristics of rapid growth kinetics, high volumes of biomass production, and exceptional resilience and adaptability to diverse environments specifically arid and semi-arid agro-climatic conditions (2). As a consequence of these agronomic advantages, especially the presence of a broad spectrum of bioactive constituents, has gained significant prominence in industrial biotechnology and sustainable development frameworks.

The medicinal benefits of *Moringa oleifera* have historically harnessed by traditional medicinal systems, particularly Ayurveda (3), utilizing its leaves, seeds, pods, bark and roots for therapeutic remedies. The dense nutrition of moringa leaves contains 25-30% protein (4), significant concentrations of vitamins (A, C, and E), well-balanced essential amino acids, minerals like calcium, potassium, iron along with a variety of phytochemicals such as quercetin and chlorogenic acid (5). The components emerged are the potential antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and metabolic regulatory properties of the plant supporting functional and therapeutic relevance (6).

Recent technological advances ascertained the molecular composition and biochemical mechanisms of *M. oleifera* in characterization of phytochemicals, metabolomics, and systems biology. The comprehensive profiling of *M. oleifera* metabolome through high-throughput analytical platforms like gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GS-MS) and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS), a vital step towards ascertaining the bioactive signatures associated with health benefits (7). Advancements in industrial biotechnology i.e., green extraction, nano-formulations bioavailability enhancing strategies have facilitated the transformation of *M. oleifera* from a traditional medicinal plant to an applicable value-added industrial commodity (8).

The potential benefits if *M. oleifera* can be utilized and successfully commodified through functional foods, nutraceuticals, pharmaceuticals, cosmeceuticals and environmental technologies. In addition, it requires less maintenance, resilience to climatic variation and potential carbon sequestration contribution make it inherently sustainable with global priorities and models of circular bioeconomy.

In this context, this chapter serves the purpose of providing the *M. oleifera* contribution to sustainable development and in-depth critical analysis of its industrial uses along with new global value chains inclusion. In addition, the chapter addresses the current limitations and focuses on future research directions like inclusion of multi-omics strategies, precision nutrition, and translational strategies to improve its clinical and industrial scalability.

2. *Moringa oleifera* Industrial Applications

2.1 Food and Nutraceutical Industry

Moringa oleifera is an excellent plant with dense nutritional value having high protein content in the leaves accounting 20-30% approximate dry weight (4), along with a well-proportioned essential amino acid profile makes it an excellent candidate for combating malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency. The functional and therapeutic properties of *M. oleifera* is collectively contributed by the leaves that are enriched with vitamins (A, C, and E), minerals (calcium, iron, potassium), dietary fibre, and bioactive phytochemicals (9).

In low- and middle-income countries, functional foods including protein supplements, fortified cereal flours, nutraceutical powders, ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF), energy bars, beverages have incorporated *M. oleifera* extensively which relevant in meeting the needs of nutrient dense, cost-effective dietary interventions. *M. oleifera* supplementations are enriched formulations demonstrating significant benefits improving anthropometric indices, haemoglobin levels, and micronutrient status particularly the most vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, lactating mothers and children based on clinical and community studies (10). *M. oleifera* holds promising intervention in reducing the protein energy malnutrition (PEM) and hidden hunger (11). The long-term solution for enhancing nutritional outcomes can be achieved with the strategy of incorporating *M. oleifera* products in school meal programs, maternal and child health programs, and community-based supplementation schemes.

In addition, the bioactive compounds present in *M. oleifera* are linked to its property of enhancing nutritional absorption and overall metabolic health are also involved in the modulation of gut microbiome composition and metabolic pathways (12).

Nutritional Composition of Moringa Leaves

Table 1. Nutritional composition of *Moringa oleifera* leaves and their relevance in functional food and nutraceutical applications.

Component	Approximate Content
Protein	25–30%
Carbohydrates	35–40%
Dietary Fiber	8–12%
Calcium	1500–2500 mg/100 g
Iron	20–30 mg/100 g
Vitamin A	High
Vitamin C	High
Potassium	High

2.2 Pharmaceutical Industry

Moringa oleifera plants hold significant pharmacological relevance because of its characteristic pleiotrophic biological effects that can be attributed to its numerous bioactive components, such as flavonoids, phenolic acids, glucosinolates, isothiocyanates(1), and alkaloids. These compounds correlate by numerous cellular targets and signal transduction mechanisms, therefore causal to its comprehensive therapeutic ability.

Antioxidant activity: *M. oleifera* extracts recover centre antioxidant protection systems(2), with glutathione peroxidase (GPx), catalase (CAT) and superoxide dismutase (SOD)(3), and show substantial free radical neutralizing capacity by eliminating ROS and refining endogenous antioxidant protection systems(4).

Anti-inflammatory effects: Bioactive compounds diminish chronic inflammatory reactions by varying main inflammatory cytokines such as nuclear factor kappa B (NF-κB), tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α), and interleukins (IL-6, IL-1β)(5-7).

Antidiabetic properties: *M. oleifera* has been disclosed to advance glucose homeostasis by improving insulin sensitivity, helping glucose uptake via GLUT4 translocation(8), and constraining key enzymes intricate in carbohydrate homeostasis(9).

Neuroprotective effects: Its phytochemicals use protecting effects against neurodegeneration by decreasing oxidative stress, inhibiting neuronal apoptosis(5), and modulating neurotransmitter systems(10).

As demonstrated by *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies, these pharmacological actions have consistently been demonstrated, particularly emphasising its possible application in treatments for metabolic diseases for example type 2 diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular diseases, and neurodegenerative disease such as AD(11). These consequences are encouraging and consequently warranty additional large-scale, randomized controlled trials and consistent formulations to completely enhance the interpretation of these results into clinical exercise.

Major Bioactive Compounds and Biological Activities

Table 2. Main bioactives found in *Moringa oleifera* and their stated biological activities.

Compound	**Class**	**Biological Activity**	**Reference(s)**
Quercetin	Flavonoid	Antioxidant	(12)
Kaempferol	Flavonoid	Anti-inflammatory	(13)
Chlorogenic Acid	Phenolic Acid	Antidiabetic	(14)
Isothiocyanates	Glucosinolate Derivatives	Anticancer	(15)
β-Sitosterol	Phytosterol	Cholesterol Lowering	(16)
Moringin	Isothiocyanate	Neuroprotective	(17)

2.3 Cosmetic and Cosmeceutical Industry

The composition of bioactive lipids and antioxidants make *M. oleifera* a mainly appealing choice for the cosmetic and cosmeceutical sectors. "Ben oil", described by a high content of monounsaturated fatty acids, is the seed resultant oil from the plant(18). It mainly covers oleic acid, known for its outstanding oxidative stability, skin permeability, and soothing properties(19) and is a usually comprised element within preparations such as sunscreens, moisturizers, anti-aging creams, hair maintenance products, and conditioners(20).

Tocopherols and phenolic compounds present in moringa extracts(10), play an essential antioxidant role against ecological stressors such as UV radiation and air contaminants by alleviating oxidative damage. It is also valuable in treating acne, dermatitis, and microbial skin infections among additional dermatological situations due to its anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties. Furthermore, its profitable and industrial importance is tinted by the amplified acceptance of *M. oleifera* extracts into quality cosmeceutical formulations which can be credited to the cumulative consumer preference for bio actives (21).

2.4 Water Purification and Environmental Applications

Among the numerous important uses of *M. oleifera*, the seeds have been creatively yoked in the refinement of water. Water-soluble cationic proteins that are plentiful in moringa seeds, ease flocculation and sedimentation(22) by obviously countering and coagulating negatively charged particulate matter(23). Water turbidness, suspended solids, and microbial load are economically abridged via this mechanism(24). The use of plant-based filtration proposals numerous benefits, such as biodegradability, non-toxicity, and cost efficiency in contrast to conservative chemical coagulators such as aluminium sulphate. This makes it predominantly appropriate for dispersed water treatment schemes in rural and reserve incomplete locations (25).

M. oleifera too donates to ecological sustainability through its part in earth development, phytoremediation, and waste biomass use. Its addition into ecological organisation plans bring into line with worldwide sustainable development goals (SDGs), mainly those linked to purified water, hygiene, and environmental management (**Figure 1**).

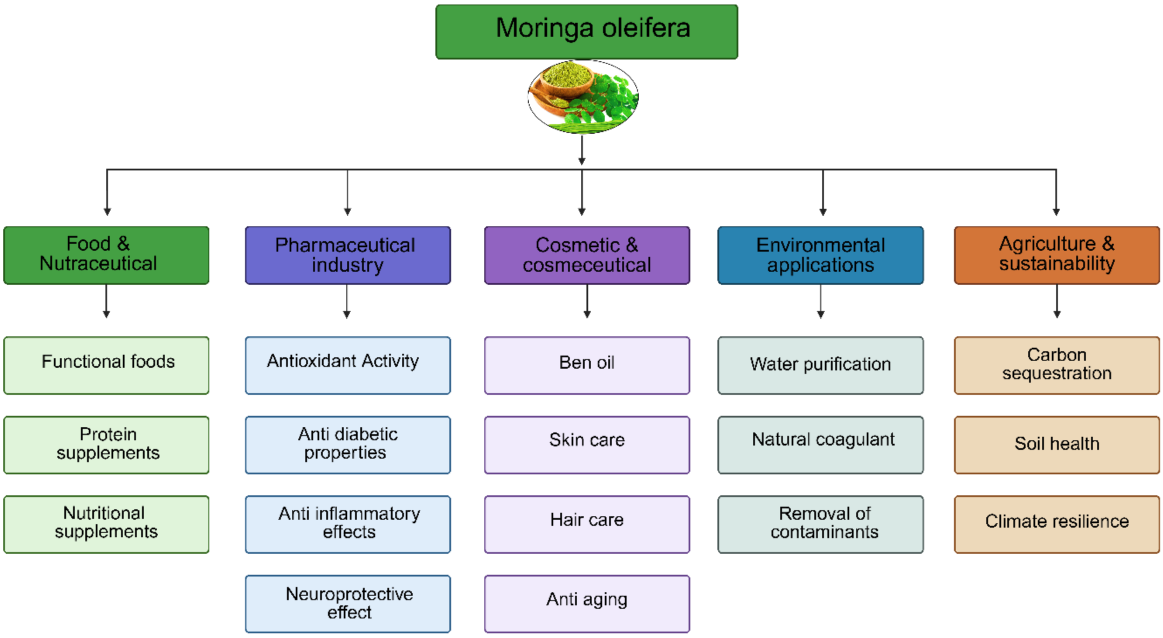

Figure 1. Multidimensional industrial functions of *Moringa oleifera* across food, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, environmental, and agricultural sectors.

3. Biotechnological and Industrial Processing Approaches

3.1 Advanced Extraction Techniques

The efficacy, yield and functional efficacy of bioactives obtained from *M. oleifera* are disapprovingly affected by the selection of extraction methods. The characteristic of extracts is negotiated when isolation by using the traditional solvent-based methods owing to low selectivity, extended extraction times, and possible degradation of thermolabile components. These limits are undertaken across the growth of appearance facts that proposal additional effective, scalable and on-going methods. Dissimilar practises are practical in industrial uses, specifically supercritical fluid extraction (SFE) using supercritical carbon dioxide (SC-CO2) for the protection of the structural integrity of subtle phytochemicals, extreme selectivity, low toxicity, and elevated yield. To upsurge competence and dispensation speed, the Ultrasound-Assisted extraction (UAE) method is working, which includes mass transmission finished auditory cavitation. In Microwave Assisted Extraction (MAE), the cell wall is interrupted by hastened heating and hydrolytic enzymes by means of microwaves to provide speedy extraction of intercellular bioactive compounds (8, 35).

The emerging technologies are safe and highly sustainable, decreasing dependence on traditional solvent extraction though concurrently giving refined final products that keep structural stability, purity, and phytoconstituent biological efficacy and steadiness for production in nutrition, pharmaceutical, and personal care industries as they are consistent by marketed products.

3.2 Nanoformulations and Drug Delivery Systems

Among the critical challenges faced with bioactive compounds of *M. oleifera*. are therapeutic inefficacy due to the insolubility, reduced bioavailability and metabolic degradation. In turn to improve the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic outlines of *M. oleifera* resultant compounds by targeted nano delivery systems have appeared as a transformative resolve of these drawbacks (36). The advantages of nanosystems are improves the shielding of bioactives from physical and enzymatic degradation, enhancing controlled and sustained release and improved cellular uptake. To achieve targeted delivery of *M. oleifera* by improving stability and solubility, bioactive molecules encapsulated with nanoscale carriers via nanoencapsulation techniques including polymeric nanoparticles, solid lipid nanoparticles, liposomes, nanoemulsions, and phytosomes (26-28). Key phytochemicals sourced from *M. oleifera* such as quercetin, kaempferol, and isothiocyanates have improved bioavailability when delivered as nano formulations, significantly improving their anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer effects (29). Improved efficacy of such advanced nutraceutical formulations, along with the resultant consumer satisfaction and acceptance can be attributed to this integration of nanotechnology with functional food systems (30).

3.3 Metabolomics and Systems Biology Approaches

Metabolomics platforms facilitate a thorough analytical survey of any given biomass, pivotal in comprehensively characterizing and building a biochemical profile of *Moringa oleifera(20)*. A wide array of metabolites, including amino acids, polyphenols, lipids, and secondary metabolites can be analysed for qualitative and quantitative data using high-throughput techniques such LC–MS/MS, GC–MS, and NMR spectroscopy(26).

The molecular mechanisms that form the basis of *Moringa oleifera's* therapeutic properties can be elucidated using these technologies by identifying important metabolite signatures and biomarkers linked to specific biological activities and processes. Complex regulatory networks and pathway interactions can be elucidated by correlating transcriptomic and proteomic profiles through integrating systems biology frameworks and metabolomics data(27).

Precision nutraceuticals targeted interventions based on a person's metabolic profile can be designed based on information gathered via integrative multi-omics strategies(28). Metabolomics guided standardization additionally ensures better quality control and consistency between batches, which are critical for industrial scalability and regulatory approval of *M. oleifera*-based products (**Figure 2**).

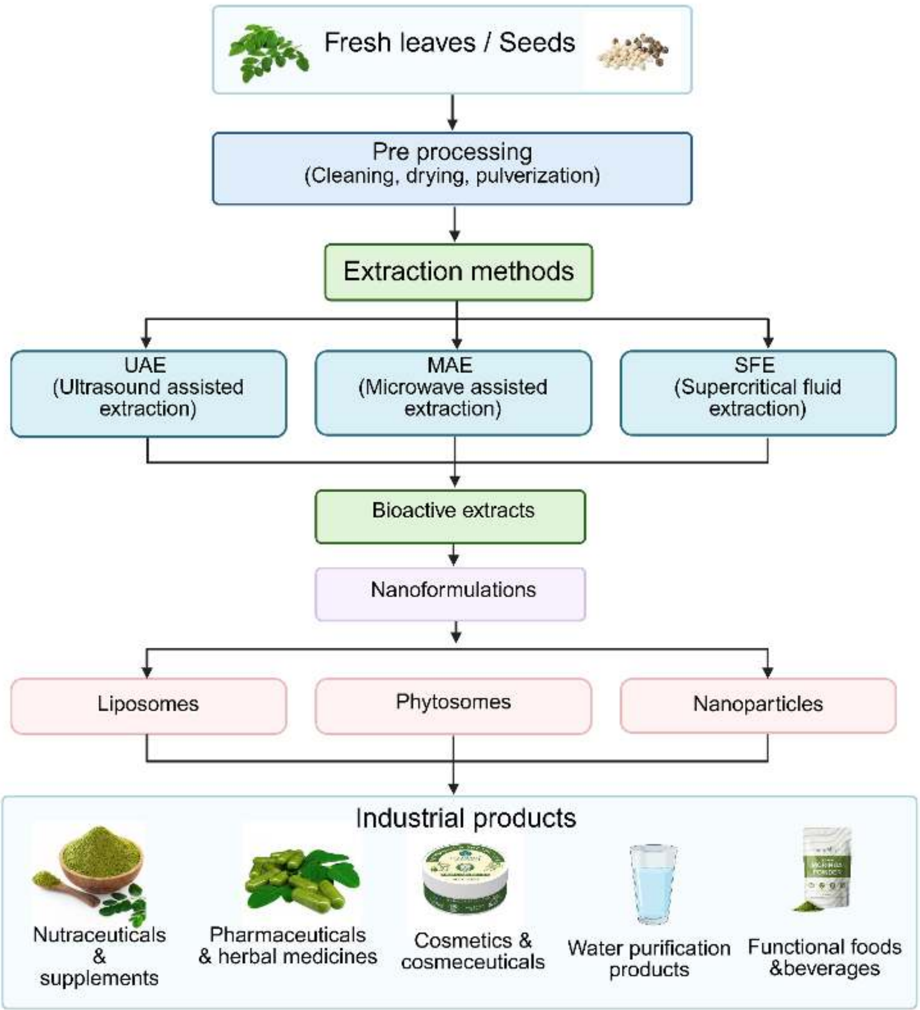

Figure 2. Established extraction techniques and nano formulation plans for the development of *Moringa oleifera* based industrial products

4. Sustainability and Environmental Impact

M. oleifera, due to its growth characteristics is a strategically important crop the context of climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable bioresource management. Under resource-constrained conditions where conventional crops often fail, *M. oleifera* can be successfully cultivated due to its low water and nutrient requirements and its inherent adaptability to arid and semi-arid environments (29). Among its many robust physiological and morphological traits that provide its resilience, its root system, with extensive spread and depth, is particularly efficient in water uptake, provides structural integrity of soil mitigating land degradation through erosion(30).

M. oleifera contributes significantly to soil health and ecosystem sustainability in addition to its agronomic advantages. It drastically increases soil organic matter via continuous shedding of its nutrient-rich leaves, which supports long-term soil fertility by enhancing microbial activity and nutrient cycling. When integrated into agroforestry, it significantly enhances biodiversity, optimizes land use efficiency, and provides complementary ecosystem services(20).

In a changing climate, *M. oleifera* donates to decreasing CO_2 concentrations in the ambiance which can be credited to its development kinetics instant biomass buildup and carbon integration(31). This, combined with its perennial foliage and high efficiency in photosynthesis make it a viable carbon sink, particularly in tropical areas. Since all plant components including leaves, seeds, pods and residual biomass are utilized for applications in food, feed, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and the environment *M. oleifera* cultivation is in line with the principles of a circular bioeconomy(32). With minimal biomass wastage, *M. oleifera* is highly resource efficient, and a multipurpose, sustainable production system. Collectively, these attributes position *M. oleifera* as a key candidate for integrated sustainable development strategies, with the potential to address interconnected challenges related to food security, environmental degradation, and climate change mitigation(33) (**Figure 3**).

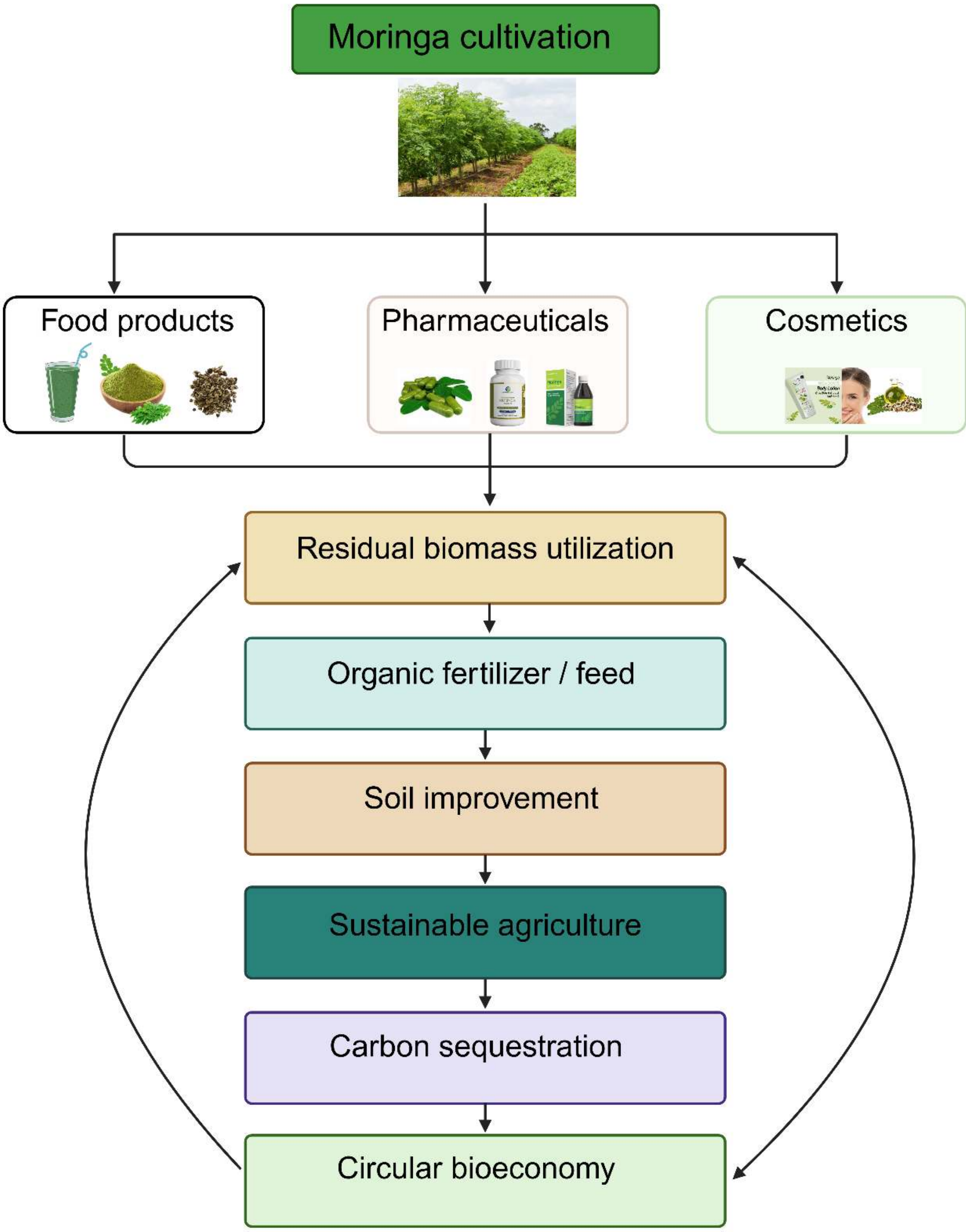

Figure 3. Circular bioeconomy model demonstrating sustainable utilization of *Moringa oleifera* biomass for ecological and cost-effective benefits.

5. Economic and Commercial Potential

Driven by a paradigm shift toward plant-based, sustainable, and health-promoting commodities, the global market for *Moringa oleifera*-derived products has experienced substantial growth in recent years. As a result of consumer awareness of the benefits of natural bioactive compounds and the rising prevalence of lifestyle-related disorders, nutraceuticals, functional foods, herbal pharmaceuticals, and cosmeceuticals have seen increased demand across multiple industrial sectors(20). According to market analyses, and its applications expanding in both developed and developing economies, *M. oleifera* is emerging as a high-value crop in the global botanical and nutraceutical supply chain(33). Its commercialization potential is enhanced by its adaptability and scalability; market penetration and diverse product portfolio including a wide range of value-added products like leaf powders, standardized extracts, dietary supplements, fortified food formulations, seed oil (Ben oil), and cosmetic ingredients. The relatively low cultivation cost, short growth cycle, and high biomass yield also contribute to favourable economic returns, particularly for smallholder farmers(34).

In India and similar developing nations, agri-based economies and rural development can be strengthened by strategic promotion of *M. oleifera* cultivation. As a source of income diversification to manage economic vulnerability integrating *Moringa oleifera* into the farming system can create employment opportunities across the value chain, including cultivation, processing, packaging, and distribution(33). Apart from these opportunities, there is a surging demand in the international markets specifically for organic, environmentally sustainable and ethically sourced goods - a need that can be satisfied by *M. oleifera* if positioned as an export-oriented agricultural commodity. Hence, it is crucial to considerably enhance structure, source sequence schemes and to regulate procedures for dispensation through greatest superiority declaration in order to exploit on this profitable possible (44). Planned speculations aiming post-harvest dispensation skills, cold chain logistical schemes, and attainment of documentation outlines (e.g., organic, GMP, ISO) determination outcome in the manufacturing of high quality, noticeable products that can be reasonable in the universal market. Policy provision methods along by the raise of public–private partnerships, are crucial to ease these attempts to scale *M. oleifera*-based initiatives and its addition into world-wide worth sequences (45).

M. oleifera gives a unique agro-industry chance that combines health, environmental, and socioeconomic objectives though existence very maintainable and by important financial possible.

6. Challenges and Limitations

With significant industrial acceptance, and clinical translation, numerous disputes and drawbacks have to undertook in instruction to exploit the possibility and use of nutritional, pharmaceutical and industrial possible of *M. oleifera.* The resolutions for these limitations that span across agronomic variability, technological standardization, regulatory frameworks, and evidence-based validation, a coordinated multidisciplinary approach is necessary (7).

The phytochemical composition variability is highly influenced by environmental factors like soil type, climatic composition, geographic location, harvesting time are a major concern that needs to be addressed as they affect the product efficiency, reproducibility, and consumer reliability resulting inconsistent concentration and key phytochemical bioactivity.

Environmental factors like soil type, climatic composition, geographic location, harvesting time, highly influence the variability of phytochemical composition and a major constraint that needs to be addressed (14). Due this variability and limited comparable studies, absence of standardized protocols for extraction, processing and formulation are the major limitations which made developing standard formulations has substantially become more difficult (46).

Other significant limitations being the absence of universal standard operating procedures (SOPs) that are crucial for maintaining quality controls and optimizing yield, purity, and bioactivity in large scale industrial production, despite the existence of advanced extraction techniques due to inconsistent adoption (8,47).

The translation of preclinical findings into evidence-based therapeutic applications is limited due to the scarcity of well-designed, large-scale randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Despite the numerous *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies that demonstrated pharmacological effects, the robust validation remains a critical limitation (48). The development of definitive clinical guidelines is impeded with the existence of wide range of study design, dosage forms and outcome measures. In addition, challenges of regulatory and quality control choking commercialization and the lack of safety and efficacy standardization along with different regulatory framework with different countries represent significant bottleneck in entering global markets (49).

There is an authoritative need for following to GMP, upholding pharmacopeial standards along with global certification systems safeguarding severe quality control events and the need is highlighted additional by subjects for example contamination, adulteration, and an absence of traceability is clogging industrial acceptance (50). To speech these examinations, a complete outline integrating progressive analytical tools, development of standard protocols for extraction, formulations, clinical evaluation, and reconciliation of regulatory policies are required. Collaboration among academia, industry, and policymakers is necessary to ascertain the safe, effective, and sustainable utilization of *M. oleifera* in clinical and industrial setting (51).

Challenges and Future Research Priorities

Table 3. Main challenges restraining the industrial acceptance of *M. oleifera* and reliable upcoming research impacts.

Contest	**Impact**	**Future Direction**
Phytochemical variability	Product inconsistency	Metabolomics-guided standardization
Lack of clinical trials	Limited therapeutic validation	Large-scale RCTs
Regulatory barriers	Commercialization hurdles	Harmonized guidelines
Low bioavailability	Reduced efficacy	Nanoformulations
Supply chain limitations	Market inefficiency	Digital traceability and certification

7. Future Prospects and Research Directions

Buildup of generous digital, analytical, and biotechnological segments is an crucial in the future order of *M. oleifera* in bases of study and industrial use. Here is important likely to be skilful in the developing tools such as AI/ML and precision agriculture for improving cultivation repetitions, enriching harvest, and refining the constancy of bioactives (20). High yield cultivars with enhanced phytoconstituent profile under detailed agro-climatic circumstances can be recognized and selected by AI determined predictive approaches based on genetic and environmental interaction studies.

Explaining the Cellular and molecular mechanisms driving *M. oleifera* biological actions concurrently using multi-omics methods assistance exploit usefulness(26). Biological network analysis can classify important regulatory networks and metabolic pathways, thereby allowing the rational design of targeted interferences and bioactive based products. Precision nutraceuticals and personalized nutrition approaches may be intended based on multiomics methods, providing custom made resolves to separate metabolic phenotypes(28).

There is a critical need, from the translational and scientific perception, for thoroughly intended, important randomized controlled trials (RCTs) to authenticate the beneficial efficiency and safety of *M. oleifera* based formulations through distinct populations. Validation of plant extracts from Moringa, dose optimization, and identification of clinically significant biomarkers would be listed to bridge the gap concerning preclinical indication and experimental attention (39).

Also, the development of ascendable and maintainable industrial events remains crucial for commercialization. This comprises the optimization of green extraction approaches, advance of nano formulation arrangements for notable bioavailability, and use of fine quality control plans absorbed by metabolomics-based standardisation. Source chain directness and product authenticity might be extra better by combination expanse sequence and numerical traceability arrangements. Forthcoming studies, must moreover examine the position of *M. oleifera* in growing regions for example gut microbial inflection, motherly and child health, and long-lasting illness deterrence, consequently growth its probability within universal health plans (8). Conspicuously, interdisciplinary connotation among academia, industry, and regulatory societies will be vital in interpretation technical growths into commercially possible and informally impactful resolves (40).

M. oleifera has the viable to address linked confronts in health, food, and environmental sustainability. Occupied as an entire, these deliberate orders place *M. oleifera* as a basis of the subsequent production of nutraceuticals and sustainable bioeconomy plans (20).

8. Conclusion

M. oleifera has possible nutritious health assistances including antioxidant, anti-cancer and pharmacologic flexibility, and ecological sustainability positioning it as a deliberate bioresource in the setting of worldwide health and sustainable development. It is useful in several industries, such as food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and environmental policies, owing to its suppleness to numerous agroclimatic conditions, its broad-spectrum helpful capacity, and its valued phytochemical constituents. The growth form of scientific validation, related with produces in biotechnological indulgence and multi-omics methods has decidedly improved the interpretation and use of *M. oleifera* as a value-added industrial commodity. Furthermore, its importance in joint sustainability packages is highlighted by its role in addressing crucial challenges such as climate resilience, water purification, and undernourishment. Though, its potential role of the important mechanisms into large scale industrial and clinical applications are still under research and requires the resolution of key disputes linked to standardization, regulatory co-ordination, and evidence-based validation. Strategic investments in advanced research practises, scalable dispensation skills, and robust excellence assurance systems will be vital to safeguard consistency, safety, and efficacy. State forward in upcoming instructions by combination of *M. oleifera* into global value chains, reinforced by interdisciplinary association among academia, industry, and policymakers, has the possible to drive novelty in nutraceuticals, promote sustainable agriculture, and reinforce bio-based economies. As a consequence, *M. oleifera* is well- located to play a essential role in the change toward paradigms of sustainable development that prioritize resilience, health, and the environment.

List of Abbreviations: AD, Alzheimer's Disease; AI, Artificial Intelligence; CAT, Catalase; CO_2, Carbon Dioxide; GC-MS, Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry; GLP, Good Laboratory Practice; GLUT4, Glucose Transporter Type 4; GMP, Good Manufacturing Practice; GPx, Glutathione Peroxidase; GS–MS, Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry;

HO-1, Heme Oxygenase-1; IL-1β, Interleukin-1 Beta; IL-6, Interleukin-6; ISO, International Organization for Standardization; LC–MS, Liquid Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry; LC–MS/MS, Liquid Chromatography–Tandem Mass Spectrometry; *M. oleifera*, *Moringa oleifera*; MAE, Microwave-Assisted Extraction; ML, Machine Learning; NF-κB, Nuclear Factor Kappa B; NMR, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance; PEM, Protein-Energy Malnutrition; RCTs, Randomized Controlled Trials; ROS, Reactive Oxygen Species; RUTF, Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods; SC-CO_2, Supercritical Carbon Dioxide; SDGs, Sustainable Development Goals; SFE, Supercritical Fluid Extraction; SIRT1, Sirtuin 1; SOD, Superoxide Dismutase; SOPs, Standard Operating Procedures; TLR4, Toll-Like Receptor 4; TNF-α, Tumor Necrosis Factor-Alpha; UAE, Ultrasound-Assisted Extraction; UV, Ultraviolet Radiation.

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