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STUDIES ON BIOCHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND NUTRITIVE VALUE OF LEAF PROTEIN CONCENTRATE FRACTIONATED FROM OKRA (ABELMOSCHUS ESCULENTUS (L.) MOENCH.) LEAVES R.D. Shukla¹ and S. Chowdhary²

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ABSTRACT: Vegetable plant okra (Abelmoschus esculentus (L.) Moench.) leaves were selected for the study of biochemical composition as probable source of leaf protein concentrate. Various biochemical parameters like nitrogen, fibre, ash, total soluble sugar, in vitro digestibility and protein content were estimated. Leaf protein samples were taken in triplicate. Fractionated cytoplasmic fraction of L.P.C. was found to be best & most encouraging for its use as non conventional protein rich food and feed sources.

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