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Dedication

This work is dedicated to God Almighty, who made it possible for this work to be done even during unfavorable circumstances.

I will also dedicate to the memory of late Dr. M. A. Obande. Your memory will forever stay with us.

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ABSTRACT

The increased awareness of the nutritional value of moringa seed oil has engendered the need for increase in the yield of moringa seed oil. This study was carried out using different seed conditions (whole dehulled, crushed dehulled and unde-hulled), solid state fermentation using Pectinase, alpha-amylase and *Aspergillus niger*. The extraction of oil from the fermented was done using three phase partitioning at different temperatures of 28°C, 40°C and 60°C. The crushed seed had the maximum yield of 3.5% on the seventh day using *Aspergillus niger*. For the unde-hulled seeds and had it highest yield on 3.35% was on the fifteenth day using alpha-amylase. Pectinase had no effect on the partial yield of whole seeds, little effect on crushed seeds with partial yield value of 0.4% and it had a significant partial yield value of 1.4% on unde-hulled seeds on the 15th day.