

Investigation the Chemical Composition and Biological Activities from Six Edible Macroalgae

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INTRODUCTION

Seaweeds offer an alternative to meet global food demand providing **nutrients** and **bioactive compounds** while containing **low fat and caloric values**, but their use is limited due to a misunderstanding of their flavor and aroma.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study aims to expand knowledge of **sensory**, **bioactive**, and **chemical properties** of macroalgae:

RAW MATERIALS:

Chondrus crispus



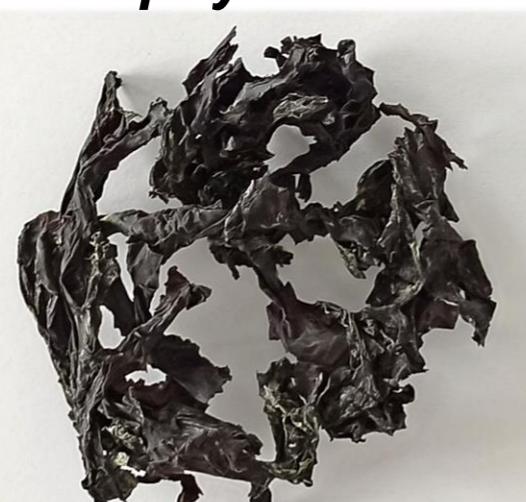
Gracilaria gracilis



Palmaria palmata



Porphyra dioica



Porphyra haitanensis



Ulva rígida



EXTRACTION: ethanol (80%) at 25°C for 60 min.

ANALYSIS: Chemical composition, volatile organic compounds profiles (HS-SPME/GC-MS), and *in vitro* screening to assess the bioactivity of the ethanolic algae extracts.

CONCLUSIONS

The study found that algae, especially red algae, were rich in **phenolic compounds**, **proteins**, and **sugars**. HS-SPME/GC-MS analysis revealed **distinct volatile organic compounds profiles** for each species. Bioactivity screening highlighted **strong antioxidant** and **anti-inflammatory** effects, particularly in *P. haitanensis*. The *Porphyra* species ability to inhibit lipid peroxidation suggests **potential applications** in food preservation. This research provides valuable insights into algae's culinary and functional uses.

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