Moringa oleifera Lam. (Drumstick plant) of Moringaceae is a fragile medium-sized tree with compound leaves and white flowers in highly branched inflorescences. The tree is grown in most parts of India for the fruits and flowers which are used as vegetables. Leaves are rich in vitamins A and C and are used in treating scurvy. Roots are bitter and used to treat dyspepsia, diarrhoea and verminosis. Seeds are useful in the treatment of neuralgia, inflammations and intermittent fevers. Oil obtained from seeds is used as lubricant for fine machinery.