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## **PLANT-BASED PROTEINS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS: A REVIEW<sup>3</sup>**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Proteins are present in all living organisms and include many essential biological compounds such as amino acids, antioxidants, vitamins, fiber and minerals. Omega-3 fatty acids that are essential for the body. Weed plant and vegetables have received great attention as vegetarian and sustainable protein sources at the territorial level. Furthermore, some weed plants are considered an untapped resource for discovering bioactive compounds with health benefits where bioactive peptides have shown exceptional potential. A balanced vegan diet is made up of these four food groups: vegetables (peanuts, chickpeas, peas, etc.), some weeds (*Panicum miliaceum*, *Setaria italica*, etc.) and crops (quinoa, oats, etc.).

**KEYWORDS:** *Nutrition, Plant, Protein, Vegetarian, Weed.*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The next major challenge for the food sector is maintaining nutritional and food security for a continually growing global population. Population growth along with other variables, such as shifting sociodemographic, will eventually put huge pressure on the world's resources for producing nutritious food supplies. The population's eating habits have undergone major modifications as a result of economic growth and rising urbanization, particularly in middle- and low-income countries. Nutritionists are also concerned about the harmful health effects of meat consumption that are becoming better known. Even the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) support plant-based diets (Lehikoinen

and Salonen,2019). Less reliance on animal-based proteins must occur as diets shift toward being more sustainable, spurring the agri-food sector to look for new and alternative protein sources (Aiking, 2011). Proteins are organic compounds made from amino acids. Since proteins consist of nitrogen, they may be distinguished from other elements. Up to 16% of nitrogen can be extracted from protein. By measuring the nitrogen content and multiplying the result the protein content can be estimated (Bruce Creighton).

Protein malnutrition is linked with dietary protein shortages or imbalances which have negative effects on the body's composition, performance, metabolism, and clinical results (Semba, 2016). The human diet has traditionally depended on land plants to provide the nutrients and energy essential to maintaining a sustainable way of life. Even though they are very in comparison to animal proteins, which are less abundant and costlier their use of these are still few proteins made from plants. Using plant proteins for the support of animal feed used to create animal proteins including milk, meat, and eggs. However, it is impossible for plant-based proteins to be converted into animal proteins. Made up of just about 3% of plant proteins formed into foods made with meat (Shepon, Eshel, Noor and Milo, 2016). Protein-based hydrogels are hydrophilic chemically crosslinked polymeric compounds and have the viable to absorb fluids numerous instances their dry weight. They are now not directly involved in suitable for eating purposes however have been fastidiously studied for their application as provider substances for more than a few vitamins. They are used for the managed launch of orally administered bioactive compounds and therefore have a vital utility in each the food and drug industries. Extraction and practical characterization of plant-based proteins are conditions for the utilization of proteins, as edible and nonedible functions have currently been reviewed (Kumar et al., 2021a, 2021).

Lentil protein, pea protein, faba bean protein, and soy protein concentrates are excellent candidates for use as emulsifiers or stabilizers due to their excellent techno-functional qualities. By reducing the interfacial tension, electric repulsion, and steric hindrance in food emulsions, proteins prevent droplet coalescence by building an encapsulating film around it (Shi, Feng, Wang and Adhikari, 2020). One of their building applications is using proteins as a source for BAPs or protein hydrolysates. BAPs are tiny protein fragments with 2–20 amino acid residues that have a variety of functions in living systems, including antioxidant, antibiotics and anticancer properties (Udenigwe and Aluko2012). Proteins are bioactive compounds that serve as the immune system's building blocks. Proteins have been shown to be crucial for managing cardiovascular health and defence the body against numerous diseases (Ramdath, Padhi, Sarfaraz, Renwick and Duncan, 2017). Plant proteins help lower cholesterol, maintain bone health, boost muscle mass in older persons and provide the protein requirements of athletes (Jenkins et al., 2010; Gavrilova et al., 2020; George et

al., 2020). Proteins are used as an essential complement in the human diet. Dietary supplements grant extra quantities of nutrients, thereby enhancing the dietary fee of diets. The purposeful roles of proteins are preserving bone fitness (Morgan et al., 2008). Growing muscle mass in aged folks (Arnarson et al., 2013; Baum & Wolfe, 2015).

As a result, proteins can be utilized as a crucial dietary addition to help people of all ages maintain their health. Several plant sources, such as legumes (chickpea, cowpea, soybean, pea and lupin), cereals (wheat, rice, sorghum, minor millets, maize, barley), pseudo cereals (amaranth, buckwheat and quinoa), seeds (sunflower, pumpkin, sesame and flaxseed) and a variety of dry fruits have all been studied for use as protein supplements (Almeida, Franco, & Mattar, 2020).

The two most abundant essential amino acids are leucine and phenylalanine (tyrosine); lysine, histidine, valine, isoleucine, arginine, alanine, tryptophan and methionine (cysteine) are also required in the human diet. Some high quality essential amino acids are obtained from per 100 gm many plants such as *avena sativa* leucine (3295 mg), valine (2368 mg), phenylalanine (2250 mg), isoleucine (1711 mg), histidine (1017 mg), methionine (802 mg), and lysine (575 mg) are the amino acids that make up this compound (Lapveteläinen, A., andaro, H. 2002). Leucine (1040 mg), isoleucine (480 mg), valine (430 mg), phenylalanine (420 mg), arginine (200 mg), threonine (190 mg), methionine (180 mg), lysine (140 mg), histidine (130 mg), cysteine (100 mg), and tryptophan (60 mg) are the main amino acids in *Sataria italica* (Narwal, M. S.; Singh, P, 2011). Leucine (432 mg), lysine (366 mg), valine (274 mg), phenylalanine (228 mg), isoleucine (480 mg), histidine (134 mg), methionine (43 mg), and alanine (228 mg) are the main amino acids found in *Vicia faba* (Khalil, M. F.; Mansour, M. A. 1995). Leucine (720 mg), alanine (710 mg), lysine (640 mg), arginine (610 mg), phenylalanine (540 mg), valine (540 mg), histidine (280 mg), and methionine (210 mg) are the main amino acids in *Solanum lycopersicum* (Izhar, U.; Ahmad, V. U. 2013). Lysine (140 mg), phenylalanine (103 mg), alanine (408 mg), methionine (370 mg), histidine (330), arginine (267 mg), and leucine (204 mg) make up *Amaranthus blitoides* (Oboh, G.; Akindahunsi, A. A. 2003). Alanine (950 mg), lysine (920 mg), phenylalanine (690 mg), alanine (275 mg), histidine (240 mg), arginine (165 mg), and leucine (131 mg) make up *Echinochloa crusgalli* (Inderjit, B., Bajpai, R. K.; Rajeswari, S. 2010). Methionine (350 mg), alanine (348 mg), arginine (243 mg), histidine (310 mg), valine (147 mg), lysine (125 mg), and phenylalanine (102 mg) are the main amino acids found in *Phaseolus vulgaris* (Leterme, P., Monmart, T.; Baudarr, E. 1990). Histidine (840 mg), methionine (760 mg), alanine (720 mg), leucine (201 mg), arginine (197 mg), phenylalanine (143 mg), valine (143 mg), and lysine (129 mg) make up *Zizania aquatic* (Wu, Y., Ng, L. T.; Zhou, Z. 2004). Phenylalanine (920 mg), histidine (690 mg), methionine (640 mg),

lysine (127 mg), leucine (171 mg), valine (116 mg), and arginine (101 mg) are all expelled by *Digitaria exilis* (Akinyele, B. J.; Adebayo, A. A. 2014).

*Hordeum vumgare* is made up of lysine (129 mg), arginine (147 mg), valine (143 mg), phenylalanine (143 mg), alanine (720 mg), and histidine (840 mg). Arginine (960 mg), histidine (670 mg), methionine (600 mg), valine (113 mg), alanine (102 mg), and phenylalanine (101 mg) are the main amino acids in *Eragrostis tremula*. Arginine (980 mg), phenylalanine (930 mg), histidine (690 mg), methionine (640 mg), leucine (171 mg), lysine (128 mg), valine (117 mg), and alanine (103 mg) are the main amino acids in *Hygraryza arastata*. Methionine (830 mg), histidine (750 mg), leucine (151 mg), phenylalanine (152 mg), lysine (148 mg), valine (148 mg), alanine (112 mg), and arginine (107 mg) are the main amino acids in *Pisum sativum* (Leterme, P., Monmart, T.; Baudarr, E 1990). Histidine (830 mg), methionine (790 mg), leucine (219 mg), valine (152 mg), phenylalanine (148 mg), arginine (132 mg), lysine (132 mg), and alanine (102 mg) from *Juglans regia* (Berkes, A., Terzic, T. Slavić, M. 1968). Leucine (350 mg), valine (450 mg), lysine (300 mg), phenylalanine (280 mg), methionine (240 mg), threonine (130 mg), histidine (100 mg), and tryptophan (10 mg) are the building blocks of *Arthrospira plantansis*. Alanine (844mg), arginine (820mg), leucine (684mg), valine (644mg), lysine (560mg), histidine (502mg), phenylalanine (420mg), and methionine (150mg) are the main amino acids in *Chlorella vulgaris*. *Carya illanoinansis* from 1177 mg of arginine, 598 mg of leucine, 426 mg of phenylalanine, 411 mg of valine, 397 mg of alanine, 287 mg of lysine, 262 mg of histidine, and 183 mg of methionine. Alanine (900 mg), leucine (700 mg), arginine (550 mg), valine (500 mg), phenylalanine (400 mg), histidine (300 mg), methionine (200 mg), and lysine (189 mg) are all ingredients in *Panicum miliaceum* (Wang, S., Wang, J., Zhang, B.; Wang, F. 2020). *Rhizopus oryzae* from 900 mg of alanine, 700 mg of leucine, 510 mg of valine, 500 mg of lysine, 420 mg of phenylalanine, 402 mg of isoleucine, 308 mg of histidine, 202 mg of methionine, and 110 mg of arginine (Kumar, P., Tiwari, R., Patel, R., Patel, H.; Patel, A. 2023). *Arachis hypogea* from 1113 mg of arginine, 897 mg of alanine, 776 mg of leucine, 574 mg of phenylalanine, 562 mg of valine, 559 mg of lysine, 419 mg of isoleucine, 300 mg of histidine, and 224 mg of methionine (Eroglu, H., Turan, S.; Askin, E. 2014). Leucine (746 mg), alanine (832 mg), lysine (624 mg), tryptophan (580 mg), arginine (544 mg), valine (463 mg), phenylalanine (426 mg), isoleucine (351 mg), histidine (262 mg), and methionine (144 mg) are the amino acids from which the *Vigna radiate* (Dahiya, P., Punia, D.; Tomar, S. K. 2015). Arginine (1113 mg), alanine (897 mg), leucine of (776 mg), phenylalanine (574 mg), valine (562 mg), lysine (559 mg), isoleucine (419 mg), histidine (300 mg), are the amino acids from which the *Glycine max* (Kovalenko, I. V., Rippke, G. R.; Hurburgh, C. R. 2006). Methionine (224 mg). alanine (1000 mg), leucine (700 mg), arginine (600 mg), valine (500 mg),

lysine (500 mg), isoleucine (400 mg), phenylalanine (491 mg), histidine (300 mg), methionine (150 mg), and tryptophan (100 mg) are the ingredients in *Lenus culinaris* (Khan, S., Yousaf, A.; Khan, M. S. 2018). Alanine (112.2 mg), leucine (72 mg), arginine (64 mg), lysine (56 mg), valine (56 mg), phenylalanine (48 mg), isoleucine (40 mg), histidine (32 mg), methionine (16 mg), and tryptophan (16 mg) from *Cucurbita maxima* (Leguizamón, A. Y., Gómez-Caravaca, A. M., Martínez-Cisneros, L., López-Lidon, V., Pérez-Alvarez, J. A.; Segura-Carretero, A. 2017). Arginine (1040 mg), leucine (1035 mg), lysine (973 mg), alanine (658 mg), isoleucine (663 mg), valine (600 mg), phenylalanine (560 mg), histidine (300 mg), tryptophan (210 mg), and methionine (190 mg) are the main amino acids in *Cicer arietinum* (Yegrem, K. 2021).

A person participating in any sort of physical activity should eat considerably more than 0.8g per kg of body weight, based on experts. Children since they consume the protein as they grow, infants and youths need more protein in accordance with their body weight than adults when they're fully grown. Women who anticipate pregnancy or nursing the recommended protein consumption for women presently pregnant or nursing is much greater than for women who are not. This is shown in the chart above. According to a study, athletes are able to digest up to 3.5 g of protein per kilogram of body weight every day. The same study indicates that the ideal proportion of protein to body weight, in grams, is: one g for individuals who participate in little activity 1.3 g for people who exercise at a moderate frequency 1.6 g for individuals who perform intense physical activity. Aim to eat significantly more protein than, claim, someone training for muscular endurance if you've been seeking to increase your overall muscle mass, such as when lifting weights (Hana Ames, 2021) (Table 2; Figure 1).

### **Nutritional value:**

The nutritional value of a protein relies on the amino acid content of the protein as well as the physiological consumption of each amino acid following digestion, absorption and the required minimum oxidation rates. The ratio of amino acids in a given protein impacts how quickly it burns through those amino acids. When the amount of consumed amino acids exceeds the amount required for protein synthesis, amino acid oxidation rates quickly increase. The ratios and concentrations of the different amino acids that make up the protein under examination have an impact on the protein's nutritional quality. The quality or biological value of the protein increase with the ratio of essential amino acids. The distribution of specific amino acids inside a protein is also highly important (Friedman et al., 1996).

### **Comparison with plant and animal protein:**

A protein's essential amino acid content, protein digestibility, net consumption of proteins, biological value, and protein digestibility-corrected amino acid score all significantly to its

nutritional quality. The PDCAAS is a tool to measure protein quality based on the ability for satisfying the needs of the human body for various amino acids (PDCAAS; FAO/WHO, 1991). In comparison with raw plant proteins, animal proteins are more digested and have greater net utilization, biological value and PDCAAS (Berrazaga et al., 2019).

### **Protein composition and properties derived from different plant sources:**

The most important factor affecting protein quality is its amino acid makeup. Varying plant-based proteins have different amino acid compositions, which show a range of features and health advantages. Specific essential amino acids, such as lysine, sulphur-containing amino acids (cysteine and methionine) and threonine, are typically low in or missing in plant proteins produced from grains, seeds, legumes, nuts, pulses and vegetables. Even though soy proteins are occasionally referred to as "complete" proteins, they have a very low essential amino acid quantity overall (85% less than milk). A sufficient quantity of essential amino acids that are simple to digest and used for protein synthesis is supplied by high-quality proteins. As an outcome, a mix of grains and legumes which lack lysine and soy which lack sulphur-containing amino acids has been proposed by several nutrition experts to meet the body's need for amino acids. In comparison with kidney beans and lentils, the digestibility of protein fractions from wheat gluten, peanuts, wheat flours/breads and soy protein isolates were higher (94–99%) (Gilani Sepehrand Cockell 2005). The main structure of a plant protein is defined by the sequence of letters or base pairs in the gene that codes for that protein. The differed characteristics of amino acids involve their positive or negative charges, the attraction to or repellant from water, their acidity or basicity and the capacity to form specific tertiary structures.

### **Functionalization Strategies:**

Protein powders are often processed via a number of functionalization procedures, such as lecithin coating, agglomeration and high-pressure homogenization. Particle size, shape and surface features are impacted by these processes. By creating bridges with binders like starch, gums, or hydrocolloids, agglomeration increases particle size. The process improves dispersibility because the agglomeration allows water to permeate freely and the lecithin coating increases wettability and inhibits powder caking. Protein functioning is impacted by high-pressure homogenization and carefully monitored spray drying conditions. For applications that resemble meat, for illustration, high-pressure processing produces improved water-holding capacity and viscosity. It is possible to alter the functionalization of powder through processing to enhance specific functionality. However, different protein sources can need different processing strategies to improve their functionality. Functionalization of soy and dairy proteins is well-defined. For new plant proteins, functionalization is an area that needs research. Maillard-induced glycation is an alternative form of

protein modification. A protein or lipid is glycated when sugars are added to it. When studied, restricted, regulate Maillard-induced glycation has not yet been used commercially to improve protein functionality (de Oliveira et al., 2016).

### **CONCLUSION:**

Products made with plant-based protein and plant-based whole food diets are growing in popularity. Plant protein has been associated with benefits regarding health and physical function. Research in the field of plant-based proteins can be summarized by two fundamental strategies: protein fortification and complementation. Strategies for protein complementation have been used in various combinations of blending food products deficient in essential amino acids with other products providing limiting amino acids. Numerous plant sources, such as chickpea, spirulina, soybean, pea, lupin, wheat, weed plants, sorghum, minor millets, maize, barley, be further used for supplementing food.

Plant-based diet or simply want to incorporate more plant-based protein into their diets. With its high protein content. As more people become aware of the benefits of plant-based protein, vegan protein powder is sure to become a more popular and widely used supplement among athletes and fitness enthusiasts. All in all, we'd say yes, vegan protein is better than whey. It's healthier, it has a lower impact on the environment and it doesn't have any of those nasty hormones or additives. On top of that, most plant-based proteins are cheaper than their animal counterparts-even after you factor in the cost of making them.

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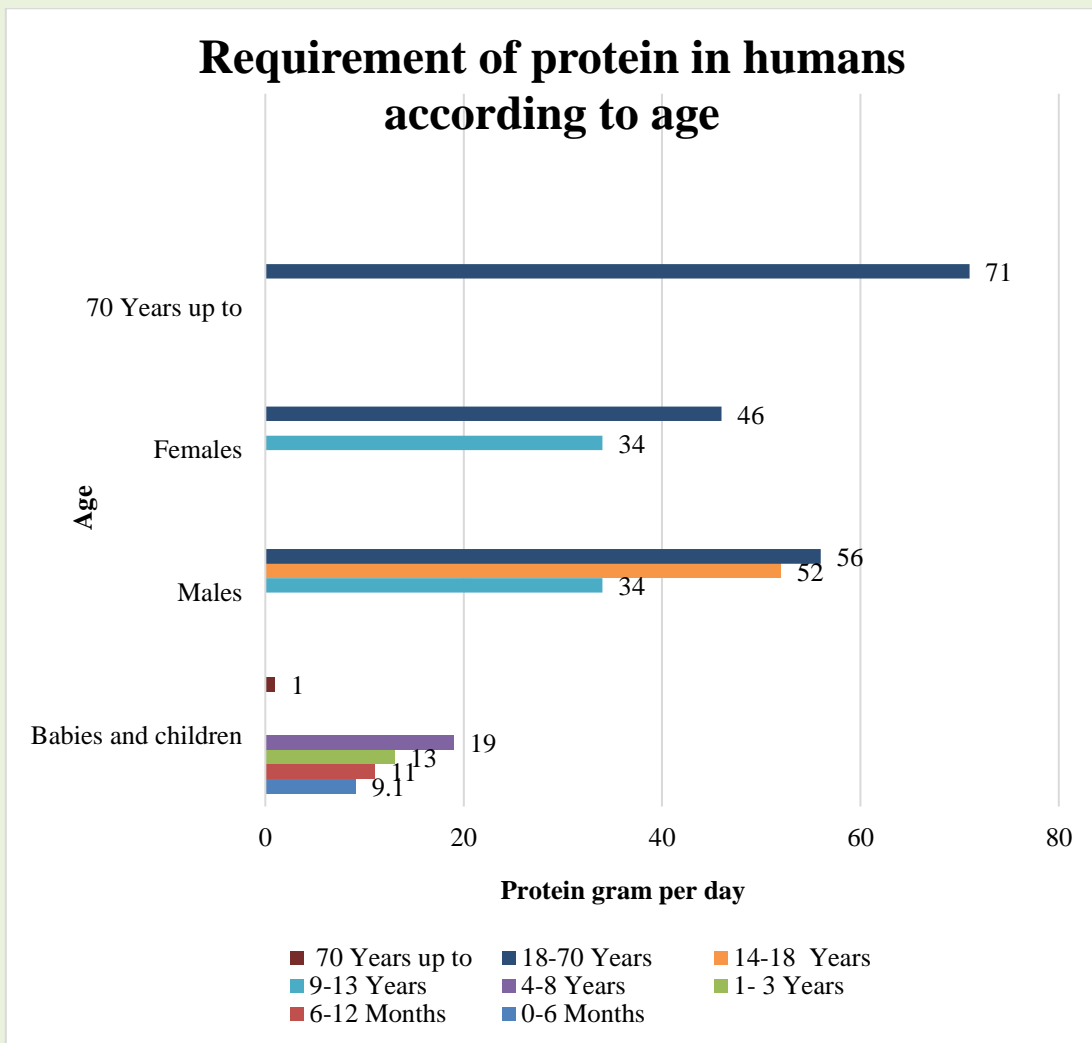
**Table 1. Greenery Plant Consists of Protein**

SR.NO.	PLANT PROTEIN SOURCE	Family	PROTEIN (gm)
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SR.NO.	PLANT PROTEIN SOURCE	Family	PROTEIN (gm)
1	<i>Arachis hypogea</i>	Fabaceae	26.15
2	<i>Vigna radiata</i>	Fabaceae	23.86
3	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Fabaceae	23.58
4	<i>Glycine max</i>	Fabaceae	12.95
5	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	Fabaceae	9.25
6	<i>Lens culinaris</i>	Fabaceae	8.96
7	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Fabaceae	5.92
8	<i>Vicia faba</i>	Fabaceae	5.6
9	<i>Amaranthus blitoides</i>	Amaranthaceae	14.3
10	<i>Chenopoduun quinoa</i>	Amaranthaceae	13.1
11	<i>Digitaria exilis</i>	Poaceae	24.5
12	<i>Hygroryza aristata</i>	Poaceae	17.49
13	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	16.89
14	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i>	Poaceae	15.2
15	<i>Setaria pallide</i>	Poaceae	14.3
16	<i>Hordeum vumgare</i>	Poaceae	13.4
17	<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i>	Poaceae	12.87
18	<i>Setaria Italica</i>	Poaceae	12.2
19	<i>Panicum miliceum</i>	Poaceae	10.2
20	<i>Echinochloa crusgalli (weed)</i>	Poaceae	8.4
21	<i>Zizania aquatica</i>	Poaceae	8.13
22	<i>Arthrospira Platensis (algae)</i>	Spirulinaceae	57
23	<i>Chlorella vulgaris (algae)</i>	Chlorellales	43
24	<i>Cucurbita maxima</i>	Cucurbitaceae	24.54
25	<i>Pistacia vera</i>	Anacardiaceae	21.23
26	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Rosaceae	20.5
27	<i>Rhizopus oryzae</i>	Mucoraceae	18.54
28	<i>Salvia hispanica</i>	Lamiaceae	18
29	<i>Sesamun indicum</i>	Pedaliaceae	17.73
30	<i>Nelumbinis semen</i>	Nelumbonaceae	15.41
31	<i>Juglans regia</i>	Juglandaceae	15.23
32	<i>Soloanum lycopersicum</i>	Solanaceae	14.11
34	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Juglandaceae	10.5
35	<i>Allium sativum</i>	Alliaceae	6.36

**Table 2: Age-related protein demands in humans**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Protein gram per day</b>
<b>Babies and children</b>	
<b>0-6 Months</b>	9.1
<b>6-12 Months</b>	11.0
<b>1-3 Years</b>	13.0
<b>4-8 Years</b>	19.0
<b>Males</b>	
<b>9-13 Years</b>	34.0
<b>14-18 Years</b>	52.0
<b>19-70 Years and older</b>	56.0
<b>Females</b>	
<b>9-13 Years</b>	34.0
<b>14-70 Years</b>	46.0
<b>Pregnant or lactating</b>	
<b>Any age</b>	71.0



**FIGURE: 1** Showing the data are requirements of protein in humans according to age