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FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF ANTIBACTERIAL HERBAL MOUTHWASH AGAINST ORAL DISORDERS

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ABSTRACT: The current study aims to develop and evaluate herbal ascertain its effectiveness mouthwash and against microbes. Conventionally herbal mouthwashes are used as a disinfectant to lessen the presence of microbes in the oral cavity. Herbal mouthwashes act as a preventative agent for bleeding gums, decoloring teeth, and killing off bad breath germs. The herbal mouthwashes also have inherent benefits of plaque control and inflammation. The formulated mouthwash was prepared using herbs and the extract was extracted by hot water extraction method. Additional analysis of the Phyto ingredients was done where the flavonoid content and phenolic content was estimated as 41.71µg/ml and 76.25µg/ml, respectively and the *in-vitro* antibacterial assay was performed against Streptococcus mutans and Streptococcus salivarius and the zone of inhibition was calculated as 18mm and 22 mm at the highest concentration. The results indicated that the mouthwash exhibits effective antibacterial qualities. These solutions can be used for various things, including reducing the growth of germs in the oral cavity and for their analgesic, anti-inflammatory, or antifungal effects.

INTRODUCTION: Around the globe, 70–100% of people have gingivitis, which is directly related to plaque. When plaque is controlled, gingival can be remedied ¹. But if oral hygiene isn't prioritized, it can advance and significantly affect the whole gingival anchoring network of the gum tissue, which can cause gingivitis, loss of teeth, and a decreased quality of life, among other adverse consequences ². Thus, controlling plaque effectively is crucial to treating and preventing gingivitis and other similar symptoms ³.



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Oral diseases have a long history of being treated with natural remedies. Periodontal disease is basically caused by microorganisms contained in dental plaque. Studies have linked these microorganisms, especially those with adherent biofilm properties, to clinically specific oral diseases such as dental caries, periodontitis, and halitosis ⁴. Individual susceptibility to dental and periodontal disease depends on complex risk factors. Genetics, systemic factors, diet, oral hygiene, *etc.* ⁵.

Clinical management of these diseases is most easily achieved by reducing the oral microbial load on the plaque-his biofilm ⁶. With the advent of antibiotics and their cognition that bacteria are potential causative agents of major dental diseases, caries, and periodontitis, plaque reduction has become a hallmark of preventive dentistry ⁷. Plaque

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reduction Chemical and mechanical oral hygiene aids are used for removal and prevention. Mechanical plaque control agents such as toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpicks, interdental brushes are very popular and often used with chemical plaque control agents ⁸. Although the toothbrush is the most widely used oral hygiene tool, a large portion of the population cannot effectively remove mechanical plague. Therefore, chemical plaque control is required 9. Therefore, chemical plaque reduction methods such as mouthwash are attractive as they may offer significant benefits to patients who cannot maintain adequate mechanical plaque control. They can be regarded as technically fewer demanding tools for mechanical control⁸.

Brushing is currently the most common selfadministered oral hygiene method for mechanical plaque removal. However, this mechanical approach is often insufficient in most people, suggesting that chemical plaque control with mouthwash may be beneficial as an adjunct to dailyoralc are ¹⁰. Chlorhexidine (CHX), a broadspectrum fungicide, is considered the gold standard for chemical plaque control. Still, CHX mouthwash can cause discoloration of teeth and tongue, taste disorders, and adverse effects on the oral mucosa1. These unwanted side effects limit the long-term use and patient acceptance of CHX mouthwashes. search for The alternatives continues, shifting the focus to bio-derived active ingredients ¹¹.

Over the counter, various types of mouthwash are available, but chlorhexidine is the most popular. It is recognized as the leading chemical plaque control agent, and its clinical efficacy is well known in the art. In recent years immense use of CHX in the perioperative period has had adverse side effects on oral cavities ¹². Chlorhexidine has also reported an ancillary effect on mouth gums, impairment of taste, tooth staining, and mucous ¹³. One more contemporary problem is the chemicalbased Chlorhexidine mouthwashes which consist of chemicals such as ethyl alcohol or ethanol ¹⁴. The latest studies have illustrated that the high usage of alcohol in mouthwash can lead to oral cancer. Additional side effects have been associated with the use of ethanol in CHX, such as dry mouth feeling, burning mouth syndrome, and dysgeusia ¹⁵.

In the Indian traditional form of medicine in Ayurveda and Siddha, several species and herbs have been reported to exhibit medicinal properties such as antithrombotic, antiatherosclerotic, hypolipidemic, hypoglycemic, anti-inflammatory, antiarthritic, *etc.* ¹⁶.

Indian spices have grown popular as a biotherapy in both the developed and developing worlds, with individual spices like cinnamon, clove, peppermint, and curcumin being used in immune system management and antimicrobial therapy. Though spices have remarkable bioactivity, research on them is limited ¹⁷.

From time immemorial, plants have provided food, cosmetics, antiseptic ointments, and many readily available remedies for human ailments. It has been used as a source of medicine by humans for centuries due to the presence of active compounds ¹⁸. As the popularity of these herbal products continues to grow, dentists are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety and effectiveness of these products. It is expected to provide patients with information about their sexuality ¹⁹. However, this can be difficult as no expert consensus exists on the subject. To date, Asia, especially India and other Southeast Asian countries where these products are most popular and widely used, have reported insufficient clinical studies on herbal mouthwashes and dentifrices ²⁰.

Herbal medicines derived from plant sources have been used in dentistry to inhibit long microorganisms, reduce inflammation, soothe irritation, and relieve pain. A number of herbal mouthwashes have recently been reported to have promising results in controlling plaque and gingivitis 21. Herbal mouthwashes are designed and manufactured using extracts and essential oils of Phytotherapeutic plants containing a blend of active ingredients such as catechins, tannins and sterols ²². Mixing substances usually has a mild therapeutic effect. Compared to the antimicrobial mechanisms provided by synthetic chemicals. herbal mouthwashes may have additional inflammatory and antioxidant properties that may further benefit gum health ²³. Many herbal mouthwashes have been introduced and tested. However, results in the existing literature are conflicting regarding the clinical efficacy of herbal

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mouthwashes on both plaque and gingivitis compared with placebo or CHX, suggesting that the overall effect of emphasizing herbal mouthwashes is consistent ²⁴. Little meta-analytical evidence supports its efficacy as a supplement to daily self-administered oral hygiene in patients with gingivitis. Without this information, it is not possible to provide comprehensive evidence-based advice to patients and practitioners ²⁵.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Collection of Leaves: The leaves of betel (*Piper beetle*) and Peppermint (*Mentha piperita*) were aimlessly gathered from a well-grown plant and authenticated by Siddha Central Research Institute,

and the plant authentication number is P04072301B.

Extraction Process: Shade drying was done for 15 days to avoid chemical degradation due to sunlight. The leaves were grilled with a grinder and converted into coarse powder. The leaf powder was boiled in sterilized water for 15 minutes by keeping it in the water bath (10g/100ml). The liquid thus obtained was filtered using Whatman paper ²⁶.

Formulation of Herbal Mouthwash: The herbal mouthwash was formulated using **Table 1** and then all the other extracts were blended in different ratios.

TABLE 1: FORMULATION OF HERBAL MOUTHWASH

S. no.	Ingredients	Botanical Name	Role	Quantity
1.	Peppermint	Mentha piperita	Anti-bacterial and anti-microbial	40 ml
2	Betel	Piper beetle	Anti-septic and Breath freshener	40 ml
3	Clove oil	Syzygium aromaticum	Anti-septic and analgesic	2 ml
4	Peppermint oil		Anti-inflammatory	2 ml

Preparation: 40 ml of each extract (peppermint extract and betel leaf extract) were mixed with 2 ml of clove oil and pepper mint oil the sample thus prepared was now kept in two volumetric flasks at two varied temperatures, one at ambient temperature and the other at low temperature. Thus, the prepared herbal mouth wash was subjected to further evaluation.

Phytochemical Analysis: The aqueous extracts of the plant sample were evaluated for the presence of Alkaloids, Steroids, Tannins, Flavonoids, Terpenoids, Saponins, Cardiac Glycosides and Phenols by the phytochemical analysis techniques ²⁷

Alkaloids: About 2ml of extract was taken and 2 drops of Mayer's reagent were added. The formation of a creamy or white precipitate indicates the positive result.

Steroids: 2ml of the extract was taken to which 2ml of chloroform and 2ml of concentrated H₂SO₄ was added. The appearance of red in the upper layer and a yellowish green fluorescence in the lower layer indicates positive results for steroids.

Tannins: For Tannins analysis 5ml of extract was taken and few drops of neutral 5% ferric chloride solution was added. Appearance of dark green colour indicates positive result.

Flavonoids: For Flavonoids analysis, drops of 20% NaOH were added to 2ml of the extract. The yellow color disappears on the addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid, indicating a positive result.

Terpenoids: To a 3ml of extract, 1ml of chloroform and 1.5ml of concentrated sulphuric acid was added to the sides of the test tube. Positive result is denoted by the presence of reddish-brown colour in the interface.

Saponins: 5ml of the extract was take ninatest-tube and 1ml of distilled water was added and shaken vigorously, the formation of forth indicates positive result for Saponins.

Cardiac Glycosides: To 5ml of the extract, 2ml of glacialacetic acid was added and a dropwise ferric chloride solution was added to it. Then 1ml of concentrated sulphuric acid was added. The formation of brown ring indicated a positive test for the presence of deoxy sugar of cardenolides. Formation of violet ring beneath the brown layer and in the acetic layer green ring might appear.

Phenols: To a 2ml of extract, 5% alcoholic ferric chloride was added. Appearance of blue colour indicates positive result for phenols.

Quantitative Analysis:

Total Phenolic Content: The total Phenolic compound of extract was evaluated by Folin-Ciocalteu method. The standard Gallic Acid curve was built by preparing dilution in methanol from the standard solution of gallic acid. 100 µl of each dilution were mixed with 500µl of distilled water and the Folin-Ciocalteu reagent of 100µl was added and allowed to stand still for about 6 minutes. After that, 1ml of 7% Na₂CO₃ and 500µl of distilled water was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was incubated for 90 min, and the absorbance was determined at 760nm. The total phenolic content of the extract was calculated as gallic acid equivalents (mgGAE/g). The standard gallic acid curve and regression equation is used to measure the total phenolic content in the extracts ²⁸.

Total Flavonoid Content: The Aluminum chloride complex forming procedure was used to determine the total flavonoid content. Flavonoid content was measured as quercetin equivalent, where Ouercetin was employed as standard. A calibration curve was constructed for evaluation. The solution with varying dilution was prepared in methanol. Where 100 µl of each dilution was mixed with 500µl of water, followed by 100µl of 5 % NaNO3 and the reaction mixture was allowed to stand still for 6 minutes. After 6 minutes 150 µl of 10% Aluminium chloride solution was admitted to sit for 5 minutes after that 200 µl of 1 MNaOH solution was added slowly. The absorbance was measured at 510 nm using spectrophotometer and the total flavonoid content was expressed as quercetin equivalent (mgQE/g)²⁹.

Examination of Herbal Mouth Wash Odour and Color: The physical parameter of the extract such as odour and color were visually examined.

pH: The pH of the prepared herbal mouth rinses was measured using a Digital pH meter. A standard buffer was used to calibrate the pH meter. About 1ml of mouth wash was weighed, dissolved in 50ml of distilled water, and its pH was measured.

Test for Microbial Growth in Formulated Mouth Wash: A control was prepared by inoculating an agar medium plate with a mouthwash containing by the streak plate method.

The plate was placed in an incubator and incubated at 37 degree for 24 hours. After the incubation period, the plates were removed and checked for microbial growth by comparing it with control ²².

Antibacterial In-vitro **Activity:** *In-vitro* antibacterial activity was carried out for both formulated herbal mouth wash and commercially available mouthwash in the market. The activity was performed on isolated strain of streptococcus mutans. The agar well diffusion method was used to determine zones of inhibition and minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC). Readymade blood agar plates were used to inoculated streptococcus strains. 5mm agar well cutters were used to cut five wells in the dried plates 30. In order to allow the inert diffusion of the formulated herbal mouthwash, the agar plates were stored properly at 37° for 24 hours. The zones of inhibition were calculated inmm, the same procedure was carried out for commercially available mouthwash, and zones of inhibition (ZOI) were calculated in mm ³¹.

RESULTS:

Collection of Leaves and Extraction Process: The betel leaves (*Piper beetle*) were collected from freshly from the garden and were shaded dried for 15 days and the dried leaves were powdered finely and the extract was obtained by hot water extraction.



FIG. 1: BETEL LEAF



FIG. 2: SHADED DRIED LEAF



FIG. 3: COARSE POWDER



FIG. 4: BEETLE LEAF EXTRACT

Formulation of Herbal Mouth Wash: Herbal mouthwash was formulated by using **Table 1** and the prepared mouthwash was thus subjected to phytochemical analysis.

steroids showed a negative result, and the extract tested positive result for Flavonoids, saponins, tannins, phenols and glycosides where the flavonoid ³² **Table 2.**



FIG. 5: FORMULATED MOUTH WASH

Phytochemical Analysis: The phytochemical assay was carried out for the formulated herbal mouthwash where alkaloids, terpenoids, and

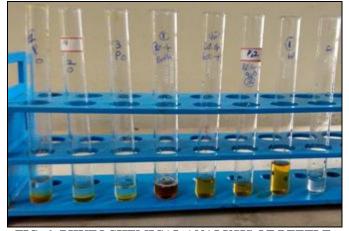


FIG. 6: PHYTOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF BEETLE LEAF EXTRACT

TABLE 2: PHYTOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF BEETLE LEAF EXTRACT

Sample	Alkaloids	Flavonoids	Saponins	Tannins	Phenols	Terpenoids	Glycosides	Steroids
Extract	-	+++	+++	+++	+++	-	++	-

Total Flavonoid Content: The Total flavonoid content is expressed in mg of Quercetin equivalent per gram of extract ³³. The color change in the sample indicates the presence of flavonoids. From the standard graph Fig. 7, we can calculate the value of the concentration of total flavonoids present in the sample was 41.71µg/ml.

Quantitative Analysis:

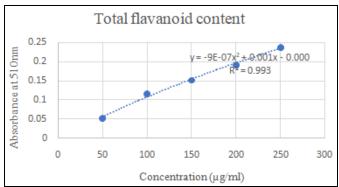


FIG. 7: STANDARD OUERCETIN GRAPH

TABLE 3: TOTAL FLAVONOID CONTENT IN EXTRACT

S. no.	Sample	OD of Extract	Total Flavonoid Content (µg/ml)
1	Formulated	0.052	41.71
	Mouth Wash		

Total Phenol Content: The above procedure examines the amount of phenolic content in the sample. The Phenolic Content in the mouthwash have reducing oxygen properties, and these activities provide them to act as an antioxidant ³⁴.

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The result is expressed in mg GAE/g. The maximum phenolic content in the extract is accountable for intro vitro studies; therefore, this extract is expected to exhibit acceptable results in bioactivities. The total phenolic content was $76.25 \mu g/ml$.

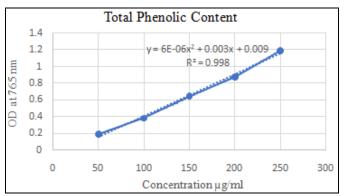


FIG. 8: STANDARD GALLIC ACID GRAPH

TABLE 4: TOTAL PHENOL CONTENT IN EXTRACT

S. no.	Sample	OD of Extract	Total Phenolic Content (µg/ml)
1	Formulated Mouth Wash	0.052	76.25

Examination of Herbal Mouth Wash: The formulated mouth was found to be 6.1 pH. Since, the skin has an acidic pH of roughly 5.5, this formulation's pH range is suited for mouth conditions.

Heavy metals were discovered to be absent from the formulation. This mouthwash is made entirely from herbs and contains no alcohol or other additives like other brands on the market ³⁵.

Test for Microbial Growth in Formulated Mouth Wash: Beetle Leaf, Peppermint leaves, clove oil, and other vital plant extracts have been reported to reduce plaque and gingivitis when used as antibacterial ingredients in mouthwashes. Volatile sulfur compounds are the main cause of foul breath in humans. They come from a number of sources, including food breakdown, tooth plaque, and microorganisms linked to oral diseases

In-vitro Antibacterial Activity: To examine the zone of inhibition and minimum inhibitory concentration well diffusion method was used with various mouthwash concentrations. The resultant ZOI for streptococcus strains was 18mm for 50µl and 9mm for 10µl and for Streptococcus salivarius the zone of inhibition was 22mm for 50µl and 12mm for 10 µl. These results indicated the plant mouthwash's significant antibacterial activity and the current product's capability to prevent bacterial growth in the oral cavity ³⁰.

TABLE 5: ANTIBACTERIAL ASSAY RESULT

S. no.	Concentration	ZOI (Zone of Inhibition)		
		Streptococcus mutans	Streptococcus salivarius	
1.	10 μl	9mm	12 mm	
2.	20 µl	11mm	17 mm	

3.	30 μ1	14 mm	20 mm
4.	40 µl	16 mm	22 mm
5.	50 µl	18 mm	22mm

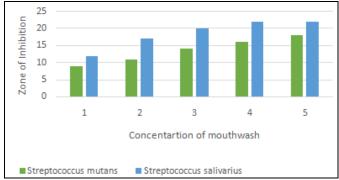


FIG. 9: IN-VITRO ANTIBACTERIAL ASSAY RESULT

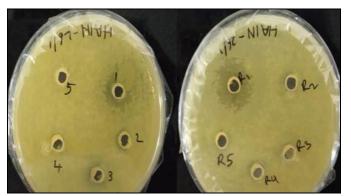


FIG. 10: ANTIBACTERIAL ASSAY I)
STREPTOCOCCUS MUTANS II) STREPTOCOCCUS
SALIVARIUS

DISCUSSION: Herbal mouthwashes can cover up unpleasant odours and offer a distinctive flavour. Mouthwashes with herbs may have therapeutic substances like antimicrobials efficient for long-term odour control ³⁷.

The burbling of the liquid which is caused due to the wind down in the exhalation of air. Gargling with herbal formulations is safe because they have no negative side effects when ingested in trace amounts through the system ³⁸. The phytochemical analysis Table 2 confirmed the presence of Phyto ingredients responsible for the antibacterial activity ³⁹. The amount of phenolic content was determined as 76.25 µg/ml and flavonoid content was determined as 41.71 μg/ml, which were accountable for the bioactivity of the formulated mouthwash ⁴⁰. The *in-vitro* antibacterial test in **Fig.** confirmed that the formulated herbal mouthwash possessed good antibacterial activity.

CONCLUSION: The current aqueous herbal mouthwash may be effective in assisting

individuals to get rid of foul breath and other oral health issues. Furthermore, this preparation's absence of dangerous components gives us peace of mind and relaxation. The findings of the physicochemical examination show that the current herbal formulation's colour and aroma are acceptable, with a pleasant odour and better lasting effects.

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The zone of inhibition analyses further supported the findings that this herbal mouthwash was a powerful plaque regulator. Patients favoured it for its taste, ease of use, and test duration in the mouth after washing. They can be employed as a supplement to physical treatment to treat enamel gingivitis. The current study has a massive effect on efforts to develop an herbal oral health intervention for low social and economic populations that is both efficient and affordable. However, since this research was brief, more studies with bigger sample sizes are necessary.

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