



## A Research on the Development and Assessment of Antimicrobial Herbal Ointments.

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### ABSTRACT:

The bulk of antibiotics have their origins in microorganisms, whereas the majority of chemotherapeutic medicines come from plants. Herbal medicine can be made from a plant's flowers, roots, berries, bark, leaves, or seeds. In addition to several dose forms, herbal drugs can also be made as an ointment. On the variability of body exteriors, a cream glutinous semisolid mixture is applied topically. The study's objective was to articulate and assess herbal ointment that fights germs.

To establish the most effective combination, the results of the subdivision of reserve produced by the five different extract ratios on the *Bacillus subtilis* species were examined. The least inhibitory concentration of the effective combination was then determined. The base was triturated to include the active ingredients in the majority of the effective ratio, completing the preparation of the ointment. During subsequent preparation, the superiority of the ointment was assessed based happening its ability to irritate skin and create blowouts.

**Keywords:** *Moringa oleifera*, *Aegle marmelos*, *Azadirachta indica*, and *Ocimum tenuiflorum*, etc.

### Introduction:

Antibacterial action is the capability of a chemical to prevent or eliminate bacteriological cells. In other plant parts, including leaves, medicinal plants have shown antibacterial properties over the past 20 years. A different approach to treating bacterial infections may be possible thanks to the antibacterial compounds present in medicinal plants. Since the 1940s, bacteria have started to evolve resistance toward them. Rendering to Braunter and Grein (1994-1995), natural plant products might provide a fresh foundation of antibacterial chemicals. Antibacterial possessions of Indian medicinal herbs have been progressively often testified in recent years. Artificial drugs are commonly contaminated in developing countries, are costly, have negative side effects, and are inefficient at treating illness. Finding novel infection techniques is essential for managing microbial infections.

This study's objective was to assess the antibacterial efficacy of a few medicinal plants utilized in Ayurveda and other conventional medical systems for the treatment of microbial symptoms.

Therefore, the goal of antimicrobial research is to find and create new antibacterial agents. Medicines from plants are usually thought to be less damaging and to have fewer negative effects than medications from artificial sources. Herbal medications can be created in the form of an ointment in addition to various dosage forms. A viscous semisolid mixture known as an ointment is applied topically to a range of bodily surfaces. The membrane and the mucous membranes of the eye, vagina, anus, and nose are among them. An ointment possibly will or might not include medicine. Antibacterial creams include a medication that has been emulsified, suspended, or dissolved. As a result, the potential effectiveness of the following plant extracts against microbial infections was evaluated, *Moringa oleifera*, *Aegle marmelos*, *Azadirachta indica*, and *Ocimum tenuiflorum*.

#### **Neem (*Azadirachta indica*)**

**Synonyms:** Hindi-Nim, Nimb; Mal.-Veppa; Oriya-Nimba

**Biological source:** Neem consists of the fresh and dried leaves of *Azadirachta indica*

**Family:** *Meliaceae*

**Uses:** Antimicrobial, Antifungal, Anthelmintic, Antiviral.



**Bael (*Aegle marmelos*)**

**Synonyms:** Fructus Balae, Belan (Guj).

**Biological source:** Bael consists of the fresh and dried *A. marmelos* leaves and the unripe or half-ripe fruits of

**Family:** *Rutaceae*

**Uses:** Stomachic, Antimicrobial, Astringent, Digestive.



**Fig.2) Bael (*A. marmelos*)**

**Tulsi (*Ocimum sanctum*)**

**Synonym:** Sacred basil, Kali-Tulsi, Veranda.

**Biological source:** Tulsi consists of the fresh and dried leaves of *Ocimum* species like *Ocimum sanctum* L. and *Ocimum basilicum* L. etc.

**Family:** *Labiatae*.

**Uses:** leaf- Carminative, Stomachic, Antimicrobial



**Fig.3) Tulsi (*ocimum sanctum*)**

***Moringa Oleifera***

**Synonym:** *M. oleifera* Lam. **Family:** *Moringaceae*.

**Uses:** All parts of the tree are Used as a cardiac or circulatory stimulant.

Pods-antipyretic, antimicrobial.

**“Materials and Techniques”:**

Neem (*Azadirachta indica*) herbal quantifiable collection and grounding: The Neem (*A. indica*) trees' leaves were collected (Fig. 1). The leaves were then cleaned for five minutes under running water from the faucet to get rid of any dust that had become lodged on their surface. At room temperature, the leaves were allowed to be dehydrated ten times (Fig. 2). For efficient and effective organic extraction, the dried leaves were subsequently ground into a powder using a dry blender (Fig. 3).



**Fig.1] Leaves of Neem (*A. indica*)**



**Fig.2] Dried leaves of Neem (*A. indica*)**



**Fig.3] Powder of Neem (*A. indica*)**

**Bael (*A. marmelos*):**

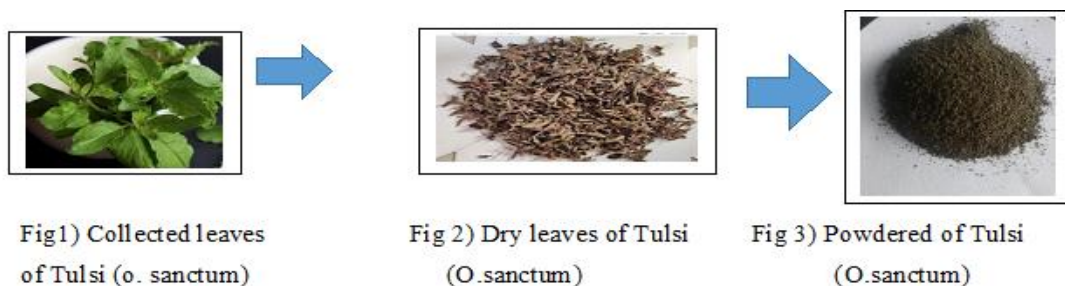
Samples of the medicinal plants were gathered. *Aegle marmelos* with leaves are experimented with by the homeopathic plant. Bioactive substances were extracted from the leaves of *Aegle marmelos* (Fig. 1). To remove the adherent dust particles, the samples were rinsed in distilled water. Then they were allowed to dry in the shade (Fig.2).

Fig.1) Collected leaves of Bael (*A. marmelos*)Fig. 2) Dried leaves of Bael (*A. marmelos*)

Fig. 3) Powder of Bael

#### “Tulsi (*ocium sanctum*)”:

Plants of *Ocimum sanctum* (Tulsi) were together (Fig.1), wash away with sterile marine, and dehydrated in shades (Fig.2). Then the samples were powdered in a motorized crusher (Fig3).

Fig1) Collected leaves of Tulsi (*O. sanctum*)Fig 2) Dry leaves of Tulsi (*O. sanctum*)Fig 3) Powdered of Tulsi (*O. sanctum*)

#### “Drumsticks (*moringa oleifera*)”:

*M. oleifera* kernels were crumpled and dehydrated properly and the sample were powdered in a motorized crusher.

Fig1) Collected Seeds of Drumsticks (*m. oleifera*)Fig2) Dry Seeds of Drumsticks (*m. oleifera*)Fig3) Seeds Powder of Drumsticks (*m. oleifera*)

### Plant Extract Extraction and Preparation:

#### “Neem (*A. indica*)”:

Using acetone, the powdered plant components were sequentially removed to produce the desired fractions (fig. 1). Under low pressure, solvents were disappeared (fig. 2) and kept at °C temp until needed. The bioactive chemicals of the powder plant were extracted using the Soxhlet method, while the bioactive elements of the homeopathic plants were extracted using methanol (Fig. 01). Previously abstraction, the models were red-faced with an organic solvent, methanol binary times. Thus, together extracts were disappeared (fig.2), and stored at °C temp until further use.

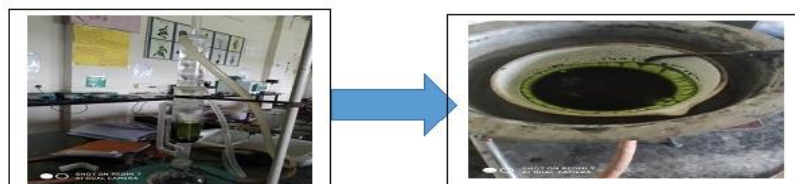
Fig1) Extraction of Neem (*A. indica*)

Fig.2) Evaporation of solvent of Neem

(*A. indica*)

Bael (*aegle marmelos*):

**“Tulsi (*Ocimum sanctum*)”:**

The Soxhlet gadget's thimble was filled with the dried Tulsi powder, in addition, methanol was used for the abstraction process. The abstraction process was carried out until strong water or solvent could be observed in the thimble (Fig. 1). In a water bath, the extract was evaporated (Fig. 2). The extract was then stored in the fridge until usage.

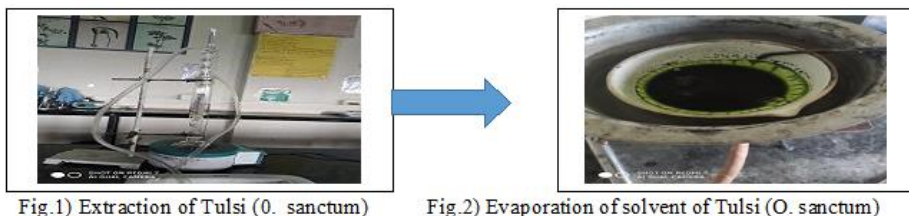


Fig.1) Extraction of Tulsi (*O. sanctum*)

Fig.2) Evaporation of solvent of Tulsi (*O. sanctum*)

**“Drumsticks (*Moringa oleifera*)”:**

Methanol was used for the extraction with a Soxhlet gadget (Fig. 1), and the thinners were evaporated under the appropriate pressure (Fig. 2).

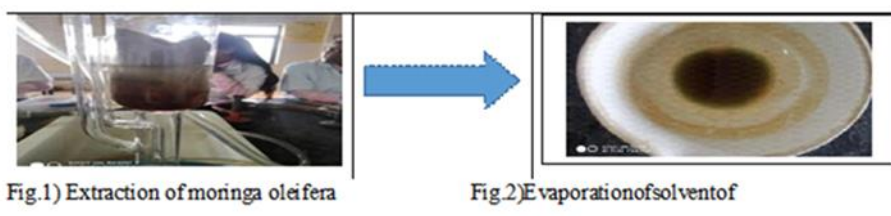


Fig.1) Extraction of moringa oleifera

Fig.2) Evaporation of solvent of

**“*Moringa oleifera*”:**

Table 1. combination of plant extract in different ratios:

Extraction Combination no.	1	2	3	4	5	6 standards (ciprofloxacin)
Concentration of combined plant extraction (µg/ml)	200	300	400	500	600	150
Neem ( <i>A. indica</i> )	25	50	75	90	110	-
Bael ( <i>A. marmelos</i> )	75	100	125	160	190	-
Tulsi ( <i>O. sanctum</i> )	25	50	75	90	110	-
Drumsticks ( <i>M. oleifera</i> )	75	100	125	160	190	-

These vegetations were chosen for the reason that the plant's separate extracts have antibacterial actions compared to germs that might infect wounds. On bacillus sub-site species, zones of inhibition assessed in 5 distinct extract ratios were found. The cup plate technique was used to conduct these tests. These microorganisms were chosen because of their propensity to infect skin and wounds. The cup plate technique was used to assess the extract combination's antibacterial potency. The mixture with the largest region of inhibition was chosen to be added to the improper ointment.

The successful combination's minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) was then identified. By examining the solution as it became turbid, the effective concentration was determined. Visual observation is not feasible with colored test solutions. As a result, the combined explanation remained swabbed in the appropriate medium and gestated for 48 hours at 37°C. The concentration at which there was no growth served as a marker for the MIC. The fusing procedure was used to create the ointment base. This process involved placing the base's components together and allowing them to melt at a temperature of 70°C temp. After melting, the materials were gently swirled while remaining at this temperature for a certain amount of time, and they were then continuously cooled while stirring. The active components were added to the base during the ointment's formulation.

**Herbal ointment evaluation:**

Visual analysis was utilized to examine physical characteristics including color and odor. The ointment was discovered to be pale yellow in color and have a distinctive smell.



Fig 4: final formulated herbal ointment

**“Consistency”:**

It is plain and there is no insatiability to be initiated in the product.

**“pH”:**

The pH of the herbal ointment that was created was restrained using an ordinal pH meter. The ointment explanation was prepared with 100 ml of purified water and allowed to sit for binary hours. The pH was tested for three periods, and the middling rate was calculated to get the response. The pH meter type that was used to compute pH was called Systronics. A prepared herbal ointment's pH was discovered to be 5.81.

**“Spreadability”:**

To test the spreadability, an excess of the sample was sandwiched between two slides that had been compressed to a uniform thickness using a specific weight for a predetermined period. Spreadability was determined by considering the time needed to separate the two slides. The time required to separate two slides reduces the spreadability. We calculated spreadability using the following formula.

$S = M \times L / T$  Where, S= Spreadability M= Weight tide to the upper slide L= Length of glass slide

T= time taken to separate the slides

**“Solubility”:**

It is solvable in fixed oils and cosmetic esters but unsolvable in aquatic.

**“Washability”:**

The skin was preserved by the preparation, and the simplicity of the aquatic wash was assessed. Being an oil-in-water formulation, this formulation. It is easily washable.

**“Non-irritancy Test”:**

On a human, an organized herbal ointment was administered, and the outcome was seen. A tiny quantity of model is applied to the hand for the test, which is then monitored for 24 hours to look for any effects like redness, erythema, inflammation, etc. As a result, no adverse effects were noticed, and it does not irritate the membrane.

**Result and Discussion:**

The region of inhibition given by the 5 different grouping ratios (fig.01) was noted and the result obtained is as follows: fig. 02: Zone of inhibition of the combined extract of plants.

Extract combination no.	Concentration of Combined plant extraction ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	Moringa oleifera Zone of inhibition Of plant extract(cm)
1	200	3.0
2	300	3.5
3	400	3.9
4	500	4.4
5	600	5
6	150	4.2

Fig1) Zone of inhibition of extract combination

Fig 2) Zone of inhibition of standard (ciprofloxacin)

Where the five distinct combinations were tested, the zone of inhibition similarly grows as the number of extraction combinations does. For the most desirable qualities, such as compatibility with abstracts, spreadability, penetration, and irritating effects, several ointment dishonorable formulations were taken into consideration. The following ointment basis [Formulation1] was chosen as the ultimate foundation for ointment manufacture since it was discovered to be compatible with the extracts and to have other ideal qualities, such as the rate of medication release.

<b>Formulation1</b>		<b>Based on these studies the composition of the final Formulation of the herbal ointment was like this:</b>	
Stearic acid	15g	Azadirachta indica extract	1g
White wax	2g	Aegle marmelos extract	2g
Yellow Vaseline	8g	Ocimum sanctum extracts	1g
Tri ethanolamine	1g	Moringa oleifera extract	1g
Propylene glycol	8g	Ointment base	q. s.
Purified water	q. s.		

Subsequently, the completion of the preparation, the physicochemical belongings were examined, and the outcomes for Washability, solubility, spreadability, and other properties were found to be satisfactory.

Table 02: Physicochemical parameters of herbal ointment with their results.

Physicochemical parameters	Observation
Color	Pale yellow
Odor	characteristic
Consistency	smooth
Ph	5.81
Spreadability(sec)	6
Solubility	Soluble in cosmetic ester and fixed oils; insoluble in water
Washability	Good
Non-irritancy	Non-irritant

## Conclusions:

The goal of the study was to make antibacterial herbal ointment using plants that were readily available in the area. Four distinct indigenous plants were chosen, and their extracts were added to the right base in the most efficient ratio based on their antibacterial activity. The finished substance had no irritating effects and was distributed easily across the skin's surface.

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