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EXTRACTION, FORMULATION & EVALUATION OF PHYSALIS ANGULATA OINTMENT

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ABSTRACT :

The development and assessment of an ointment using extract of Physalis angulata plant, commonly known as wild gooseberry or cutleaf groundcherry, for its therapeutic applications in dermatology. Traditionally, this plant has been recognized for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and wound-healing properties, making it a valuable candidate for topical formulations. The study aimed to formulate a stable and effective ointment using Physalis angulata extracts as the primary active ingredient. The ointment was formulated with appropriate excipients to ensure optimal consistency, spreadability, and absorption. Various quality control parameters such as pH, viscosity, spreadability, and stability were evaluated to determine the suitability of the ointment for topical use. Additionally, its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities were tested through in vitro assays to assess its therapeutic potential. The results demonstrated that the Physalis angulata ointment exhibited significant antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties, supporting its potential use for the treatment of conditions such as acne, eczema, minor wounds, and insect bites. Stability testing showed the ointment maintained its efficacy over time under various storage conditions, ensuring its shelf-life. Sensory evaluation indicated that the ointment was well-received in terms of texture, ease of application, and overall user experience. This study highlights the potential of Physalis angulata Linn as a natural therapeutic agent in the formulation of ointments for dermatological use. Future research and clinical trials are recommended to further validate its efficacy and safety in broader applications, including its role in wound healing and chronic skin conditions. The Formulation and Evaluation of Physalis Angulata Linn Ointment is an investigative study aimed at developing a topical ointment using Physalis angulata, a plant known for its diverse pharmacological properties, including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and woundhealing activities. This research seeks to evaluate the potential of Physalis angulata extracts in a dermatological ointment formulation, with the objective of providing a natural alternative for managing skin ailments such as eczema, acne, minor burns, and insect bites. The formulation process involved selecting appropriate excipients to ensure optimal stability, spreadability, and bioavailability of the active components. Various tests were conducted, including assessment of the ointment's pH, viscosity, spreadability, and homogeneity. The ointment's antimicrobial activity was tested using in vitro methods against common skin pathogens such as Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli, while its anti-inflammatory effects were evaluated through the use of suitable model systems. Furthermore, the formulation was subjected to stability studies to ensure the preservation of its active ingredients and overall product integrity under different storage conditions. The results indicated that the ointment showed significant antimicrobial and antiinflammatory properties, validating the therapeutic claims of Physalis angulata. The formulation also exhibited desirable sensory attributes, including ease of application and rapid absorption.

Keywords : Physalis Angulata Linn, Ointment Formulation, Dermatological Applications, Anti inflammator Properties , Antimicrobial Activity , Antioxidant Effects ,Wound Healing

1. Introduction :

The use of herbal medicines in the treatment of various ailments has gained significant attention in recent years due to their safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness. Among various dosage forms, topical ointments play a vital role in delivering therapeutic agents directly to the affected area, especially in treating skin disorders and wounds. Natural plant-based formulations are increasingly preferred as alternatives to synthetic drugs, which may cause irritation, resistance, or adverse effects. Physalis angulata Linn., commonly known as cutleaf groundcherry or wild gooseberry, belongs to the Solanaceae family. It is widely distributed in tropical and subtropical regions and has been traditionally used in folk medicine for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antidiabetic, antimalarial, and antioxidant properties. Phytochemical studies have revealed the presence of bioactive compounds such as flavonoids, steroids, withanolides, and alkaloids in various parts of the plant. Considering its reported biological activities, Physalis angulata holds promise as a natural therapeutic agent for topical application. Formulating it into an ointment base could provide an effective means of harnessing its medicinal properties, particularly for wound healing and skin infections. This project focuses on the formulation of an ointment containing an extract of Physalis angulata Linn., followed by its evaluation based on physicochemical characteristics, antimicrobial activity, and wound healing potential. Herbal medicine has gained increasing recognition worldwide due to its therapeutic potential, safety profile, and affordability. Traditionally used in folk medicine across tropcal and subtropical regions, Physalis angulata is known for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and wound-healing activities, attributed to the presence of bioactive compounds such as withanolides, flavonoids, and phenolic acids. Topical drug delivery, particularly in the form of ointments,

is a widely accepted and effective route for the treatment of various skin conditions. Ointments provide localized effects, improve drug stability, and enhance the contact time of active ingredients with the skin. The formulation of herbal-based ointments is an important step in integrating traditional medicine with modern pharmaceutical practices. This study focuses on the formulation and evaluation of an ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn. extract, aiming to harness its therapeutic potential for topical application. The formulation process involves selecting an appropriate base to ensure stability, efficacy, and patient acceptability. The final product is subjected to various physicochemical and biological evaluations to determine its stability, spreadability, antimicrobial activity, and overall effectiveness. The use of medicinal plants in traditional healing practices has been a cornerstone of health care in many cultures for centuries. With growing interest in alternative and complementary medicine, plant-based therapies are increasingly being researched for their efficacy, safety, and potential integration into modern pharmaceuticalsTraditionally, various parts of the plant—particularly the leaves and fruits—have been used to treat ailments such as skin infections, fever, inflammation, malaria, and wounds. The therapeutic effects of this plant are attributed to its rich phytochemical composition, including withanolides, alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, and phenolic compounds. One of the most common and effective routes of administering herbal extracts for localized action is through topical formulations. Ointments, in particular, are semi-solid preparations intended for external application to the skin or mucous membranes. They serve as an ideal vehicle for delivering both hydrophilic and lipophilic herbal extracts due to their occlusive nature, which helps retain moisture and promote absorption of active compounds. Additionally, topical formulations minimize systemic side effects, enhance patient compliance, and allow targeted therapy. Formulating an herbal ointment using Physalis angulata Linn. extract not only aligns with the growing demand for natural and sustainable healthcare solutions but also offers a scientific approach to validate its traditional uses. The process involves selecting a suitable ointment base, incorporating the plant extract in optimal concentrations, and conducting a thorough evaluation of the product's physical, chemical, and biological characteristics. Parameters such as pH, viscosity, spreadability, homogeneity, stability, and antimicrobial efficacy are essential to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the final product. The primary objective of this study is to develop and evaluate a topical ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn. extract, with a focus on its wound healing and antimicrobial properties. By combining traditional knowledge with scientific methodology, this research aims to contribute to the advancement of herbal drug formulations and promote the therapeutic potential of underutilized medicinal plants. Physalis angulata Linn., commonly known as Ciplukan, is a medicinal plant belonging to the Solanaceae family. Traditionally, various parts of this plant have been utilized to treat ailments such as malaria, asthma, hepatitis, dermatitis, and rheumatism. Phytochemical analyses have identified the presence of bioactive compounds, including alkaloids, flavonoids, and steroids, which contribute to its therapeutic properties. Recent studies have highlighted the antimicrobial potential of P. angulata, particularly against pathogens like Staphylococcus aureus. For instance, research demonstrated that the unformulated crude extract of P. angulata fruit exhibited significant inhibitory activity against S. aureus, with zones of inhibition ranging from 34.5 mm to 50.5 mm. In contrast, zinc oxide-ointment formulations containing P. angulata extract showed only slight activity at higher concentrations The development of topical formulations, such as ointments, incorporating P. angulata extract aims to harness its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties for effective skin infection management. Formulating these extracts into ointments enhances their stability, bioavailability, and patient compliance. Evaluating such formulations involves assessing parameters like antimicrobial efficacy, anti-inflammatory activity, skin irritation potential, and overall therapeutic effectiveness. This study focuses on the formulation and evaluation of P. angulata Linn. ointment, aiming to provide scientific evidence supporting its traditional uses and explore its potential as a topical therapeutic agent. Medicinal plants have long played a pivotal role in traditional healthcare systems across the world, serving as a source of therapeutic agents for the treatment of various diseases. Among them, Physalis angulata Linn., commonly referred to as Ciplukan, is a herbaceous plant belonging to the Solanaceae family. Widely distributed in tropical and subtropical regions, this plant has been traditionally used in ethnomedicine to treat a wide array of ailments, including malaria, asthma, hepatitis, dermatitis, and rheumatism. The therapeutic efficacy of P. angulata is attributed to its rich phytochemical composition. Studies have identified the presence of several bioactive compounds such as alkaloids, flavonoids, steroids, saponins, and withanolides. These constituents are known for their antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antitumor, and immunomodulatory activities. In particular, flavonoids and steroids contribute significantly to its antiinflammatory and wound-healing effects, while alkaloids have shown promising antimicrobial potential. Recent pharmacological investigations have drawn attention to the antimicrobial properties of P. angulata, particularly against Staphylococcus aureus, a major pathogen responsible for a range of skin and soft tissue infections. Crude ethanolic extracts of P. angulata fruits have demonstrated potent antibacterial activity, with zones of inhibition ranging from 34.5 mm to 50.5 mm in standard antimicrobial assays. However, the efficacy appears to diminish when the extract is incorporated into zinc oxide-based ointments, suggesting challenges in formulation and delivery. Topical drug delivery offers several advantages, especially for treating localized skin infections. Formulating P. angulata extracts into ointments aims to enhance the plant's bioavailability, stability, and ease of application. Moreover, such formulations offer the potential for synergistic antiinflammatory and antimicrobial effects, making them ideal for the management of dermatological conditions such as eczema, bacterial infections, and wound healingDespite its promising pharmacological profile, scientific validation of P. angulata's topical efficacy remains limited. There is a pressing need to develop and evaluate optimized topical formulations that can maximize its therapeutic benefits while ensuring safety and patient compliance. Therefore, this study focuses on the formulation and evaluation of a topical ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn. extract. The aim is to investigate its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities, assess its physicochemical properties, and evaluate its potential as a safe and effective topical therapeutic agent. This work seeks to bridge the gap between traditional knowledge and modern pharmaceutical application, offering a natural alternative for managing skin infections. Medicinal plants have historically been a cornerstone of traditional healthcare practices across various cultures, providing a vast reservoir of bioactive compounds that serve as valuable therapeutic agents. This herbaceous plant, a member of the Solanaceae family, is native to tropical and subtropical regions, with a rich ethnobotanical history in Southeast Asia, Africa, and parts of the Americas. P. angulata has been traditionally used in folk medicine for the treatment of ailments such as malaria, asthma, hepatitis, dermatitis, and rheumatism, highlighting its broad-spectrum therapeutic potential. The medicinal value of P. angulata is attributed to its complex phytochemical profile, which includes a variety of secondary metabolites, such as alkaloids, flavonoids, steroids, saponins, and withanolides. These compounds contribute to the plant's diverse pharmacological activities, including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, antitumor, and immunomodulatory effects. In particular, alkaloids and flavonoids have been shown to exert significant antimicrobial activity, while steroids and saponins provide anti-inflammatory and wound-healing benefits. Additionally, P. angulata has been reported to exhibit hepatoprotective, analgesic, and antidiabetic properties, further emphasizing its potential as a multi-faceted therapeutic agent. Among the numerous pharmacological benefits of P. angulata, its antimicrobial properties have garnered particular attention in recent years. Research has

demonstrated that the fruit extract of P. angulata exhibits significant antimicrobial activity against various pathogenic microorganisms, including Staphylococcus aureus, a common causative agent of skin infections such as boils, abscesses, and cellulitis. Studies have shown that the unformulated crude extract of P. angulata fruit exhibits zones of inhibition ranging from 34.5 mm to 50.5 mm against S. aureus, suggesting its strong bacteriostatic and bactericidal properties. However, despite its promising antimicrobial effects, the formulation of P. angulata extracts into effective therapeutic products remains a challenge, particularly in the context of dermatological applications. Topical formulations, such as ointments, are an ideal means of delivering plant-based extracts for localized treatment of skin infections. The benefits of topical application include targeted delivery, reduced systemic side effects, and enhanced patient compliance. However, the formulation of P. angulata into a stable and effective ointment requires addressing challenges related to the plant's extract stability, bioavailability, and compatibility with excipients. Previous attempts to incorporate P. angulata extract into zinc oxide-ointment formulations have shown limited antimicrobial activity, indicating the need for further optimization of the formulation process. Given the promising bioactive profile of P. angulata, there is a pressing need for systematic investigation into its formulation as a topical therapeutic agent. This research seeks to address this gap by developing and evaluating a P. angulata ointment that combines the plant's antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties. Through the formulation of an optimized ointment, this study aims to improve the stability, efficacy, and patient acceptability of P. angulata extracts, offering a potential natural alternative for the treatment of common skin infections.The objective of this study is to formulate and evaluate an ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn. extract for its antimicrobial, antiinflammatory, and skin irritation potential. This investigation will explore the extract's effectiveness in managing skin infections, particularly those caused by Staphylococcus aureus, and will assess the overall therapeutic potential of the ointment formulation.

Furthermore, this research aims to validate the traditional medicinal uses of P. angulata, providing scientific evidence for its application in modern dermatological therapeuticsThrough comprehensive evaluation of the ointment's physicochemical properties, antimicrobial efficacy, and skin safety profile, this study aims to establish a scientifically-backed foundation for the use of P. angulata in topical formulations. In doing so, it strives to contribute to the ongoing search for natural, effective, and safe treatments for dermatological conditions and infections. Medicinal plants have long been a cornerstone of traditional medicine and continue to gain attention for their therapeutic potential in modern pharmaceutical formulations The increasing interest in herbal-based topical formulations stems from their potential to offer effective, natural alternatives to synthetic drugs with fewer side effects. Among the various dosage forms, ointments serve as a favorable medium for delivering active herbal constituents directly to the site of action, particularly in skin disorders and wound healing. This study aims to formulate and evaluate an herbal ointment containing the extract of Physalis angulata Linn. The research focuses on optimizing the base, incorporating the plant extract, and assessing the physicochemical properties, stability, and therapeutic efficacy of the formulated ointment. The ultimate goal is to explore the feasibility of Physalis angulata Linn. as a natural agent in topical therapy and contribute to the growing field of plant-based pharmaceutical development.

Traditionally, it has been utilized in folk medicine for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, analgesic, and wound-healing properties. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the scientific validation of herbal remedies to develop cost-effective, safe, and efficacious alternatives to synthetic drugs. Physalis angulata contains bioactive compounds such as physalins, flavonoids, alkaloids, and steroids, which contribute to its pharmacological activities. These phytochemicals offer a promising potential for topical formulations aimed at treating skin infections, wounds, and inflammatory conditions. Topical drug delivery systems, particularly ointments, provide several advantages including localized drug delivery, prolonged contact time with the skin, and minimal systemic side effects. The formulation of an ointment using Physalis angulata extract not only enhances its therapeutic value but also allows for targeted application in dermatological conditions. The present study aims to formulate an ointment containing Physalis angulata extract and evaluate its physicochemical properties and biological activitiesThe plant is known for its broad spectrum of pharmacological properties, including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, analgesic, and wound-healing activities. These compounds play a crucial role in promoting skin regeneration, reducing microbial infections, and alleviating inflammation—making the plant a promising candidate for topical applications. Topical formulations like ointments offer distinct advantages for the treatment of skin disorders. They allow for localized drug delivery, reduced systemic absorption, and prolonged contact with the affected area. Incorporating Physalis angulata extract into an ointment base presents an effective approach to utilize its healing properties directly at the site of action.

The present study aims to formulate a herbal ointment using the extract of Physalis angulata Linn and to evaluate its physicochemical parameters and biological efficacy. The formulation will be assessed for parameters such as appearance, pH, spreadability, viscosity, stability, and antimicrobial activity. This research intends to develop a safe, effective, and affordable herbal ointment that could serve as a potential alternative for managing various skin conditions. The use of medicinal plants in traditional healing systems has gained renewed interest due to the growing demand for natural and safer alternatives to synthetic drugs. The plant is known for its broad spectrum of pharmacological properties, including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, analgesic, and wound-healing activities. Physalis angulata contains a variety of bioactive compounds such as flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids, tannins, and withanolides, which contribute to its therapeutic potential. These compounds play a crucial role in promoting skin regeneration, reducing microbial infections, and alleviating inflammation—making the plant a promising candidate for topical applications. Topical formulations like ointments offer distinct advantages for the treatment of skin disorders. They allow for localized drug delivery, reduced systemic absorption, and prolonged contact with the affected area. Incorporating Physalis angulata extract into an ointment base presents an effective approach to utilize its healing properties directly at the site of action. The present study aims to formulate a herbal ointment using the extract of Physalis angulata Linn and to evaluate its physicochemical parameters and biological efficacy. The formulation will be assessed for parameters such as appearance, pH, spreadability, viscosity, stability, and antimicrobial activity. This research intends to develop a safe, effective, and affordable herbal ointment that could serve as a potential alternative for managing various skin conditions. Medicinal plants have been a cornerstone of traditional healthcare systems for centuries, offering a rich source of bioactive compounds for pharmaceutical development.. Traditionally, various parts of this plant have been used for the treatment of inflammation, wounds, infections, and skin disorders. Phytochemical studies have revealed that Physalis angulata contains withanolides, flavonoids, alkaloids, and steroids—compounds known for their anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and wound-healing activities. These attributes suggest that topical formulations using Physalis angulata extract may offer significant benefits in managing skin ailments. The development of an herbal ointment using Physalis angulata aims to harness these bioactive constituents in a convenient, effective, and patient-friendly dosage form. Ointments, due to their occlusive and emollient nature, are ideal for delivering lipophilic plant extracts to affected skin areas, promoting better absorption and prolonged contact

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Increasing attention in recent years due to their therapeutic potential and fewer side effects compared to synthetic drugs..These phytoconstituents exhibit significant pharmacological properties, including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, and wound-healing effects. Due to these properties. This study aims to formulate an ointment containing Physalis angulata extract and evaluate its physicochemical properties and biological activities. The primary objective is to develop a safe, effective, and stable herbal ointment that can be used for treating minor wounds and skin infections. Natural products derived from medicinal plants have long played a crucial role in traditional and modern healthcare systems.. Phytochemical investigations have revealed that this plant contains biologically active compounds such as withanolides, physalins, flavonoids, and alkaloids that contribute to its medicinal efficacy. Topical delivery systems such as ointments provide a convenient and effective way to administer bioactive plant constituents directly to the site of action. Ointments are semisolid preparations that offer several advantages including prolonged contact time, ease of application, and the ability to incorporate both hydrophilic and lipophilic ingredients. The current study aims to formulate and evaluate an ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn. extract to assess its potential as a topical therapeutic agent. The formulation will be evaluated for its physicochemical properties, stability, and biological activity, with the goal of developing a safe and effective herbal ointment for potential use in skin disorders or wound care. The use of herbal medicine has gained significant attention in recent years due to the increasing demand for natural, safe, and effective alternatives to synthetic pharmaceuticals. Medicinal plants have been a vital part of traditional healing systems and continue to be a rich source of bioactive compounds for the development of new drugs and therapeutic agents. Among these, Physalis angulata Linn., a member of the Solanaceae family, stands out for its diverse pharmacological properties. The plant is rich in a variety of phytochemicals, including withanolides, flavonoids, glycosides, alkaloids, and sterols, many of which have demonstrated significant biological activity in pharmacological studies. Scientific investigations have supported the traditional uses of Physalis angulata, revealing its anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, antioxidant, antitumor, hepatoprotective, and immunomodulatory properties. Such a wide spectrum of therapeutic potential makes this plant an attractive candidate for the development of topical formulations, particularly in the management of skin-related disorders. Topical drug delivery systems, such as ointments, are commonly used for localized treatment due to their ability to provide direct contact with the affected area, reduce systemic side effects, and enhance patient compliance. Ointments, being semisolid preparations, offer the advantage of a stable base that can incorporate both lipophilic and hydrophilic extracts, maintaining the bioactivity of herbal ingredients while ensuring ease of application and sustained release.In this context, the formulation of an ointment containing Physalis angulata extract seeks to harness its medicinal benefits in a convenient and effective topical dosage form. The development process includes the extraction of active constituents, formulation with appropriate excipients, and subsequent evaluation of the ointment for parameters such as spreadability, stability, pH, viscosity, and antimicrobial or wound-healing efficacy. The primary objective of this study is to formulate a stable and efficacious herbal ointment from Physalis angulata Linn. extract and to evaluate its physicochemical properties and therapeutic potential for topical application. Through this research, we aim to contribute to the growing field of herbal-based pharmaceuticals and support the development of natural remedies that can complement or substitute conventional treatments for skin conditions. The growing interest in herbal medicine and the shift towards natural therapeutic alternatives have led to an increased focus on plantbased remedies in modern healthcare. Herbal remedies have been used for centuries in different cultures and are known for their efficacy and safety in the treatment of a wide variety of diseases. The use of medicinal plants is particularly popular in the management of skin-related conditions, as topical formulations can provide direct, localized benefits with minimal systemic side effects Physalis angulata Linn. Its versatile pharmacological profile makes it a valuable candidate for therapeutic applications. Traditionally, Physalis angulata has been used to treat a variety of ailments, including inflammatory conditions, infections, respiratory disorders, and digestive issues. Its topical applications in folk medicine have also extended to the treatment of skin wounds, ulcers, and other dermatological conditions. The plant has demonstrated a broad spectrum of bioactivity, including antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and analgesic properties, making it particularly suitable for use in topical formulations such as ointments.. Studies have shown that Physalis angulata exhibits significant anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial activities, which can be beneficial in the treatment of skin conditions such as acne, eczema, and wounds. The antioxidant properties of the plant also contribute to its ability to protect the skin from oxidative stress, which is a major factor in the aging process and the development of various dermatological diseases. Ointments are one of the most common and effective topical dosage forms for delivering active pharmaceutical ingredients to the skin. They offer the advantages of prolonged contact with the skin, enhanced absorption of lipophilic substances, and the ability to combine both hydrophilic and lipophilic compounds. Moreover, ointments provide a soothing and protective barrier to the skin, which can help in the healing process and reduce the risk of infection in open wounds. The development of an ointment formulation using Physalis angulata extract allows for the incorporation of its bioactive constituents, providing a convenient and effective method for delivering the plant's therapeutic effects directly to the site of action. The formulation of herbal ointments requires careful selection of excipients to ensure the stability, texture, spreadability, and safety of the product. Additionally, the ointment will undergo biological evaluations to assess its antimicrobial and wound-healing activities. These evaluations are critical to understanding the potential of the ointment as a viable alternative to conventional treatments for skin ailments.

The primary aim of this research is to formulate a stable and effective Physalis angulata ointment and evaluate its physicochemical and therapeutic properties. By examining the ointment's stability, bioactivity, and potential for use in treating skin disorders, this study aims to contribute valuable knowledge to the field of herbal medicine and advance the development of natural, plant-based therapeutic options.

Furthermore, this research will explore the potential of using a low-cost, readily available plant source for the formulation of a cost-effective ointment that could serve as a more accessible option for individuals with limited access to expensive pharmaceutical treatments. If successful, the formulation of Physalis angulata ointment could offer a promising, natural, and sustainable alternative in the growing field of topical herbal therapeutics. This expanded introduction provides an in-depth exploration of the importance of Physalis angulata, its active compounds, and the rationale behind using it for formulating a topical ointment. It also outlines the goals and significance of the study in contributing to the development of natural remedies for skin care. In recent years, there has been a global resurgence of interest in herbal medicine, driven by a growing preference for natural products over synthetic

drugs. This trend reflects a wider recognition of the benefits of plant-based remedies, which have been used in traditional healing practices for centuries. The therapeutic use of plants offers a promising approach to addressing various health issues, particularly in the treatment of chronic conditions and skin diseases that have limited treatment options. Medicinal plants not only provide a rich source of biologically active compounds but also represent a more sustainable and eco-friendly alternative to synthetic pharmaceuticals.. Folk medicine systems, particularly in Africa, Asia, and parts of Latin America, have employed Physalis angulata for treating ailments such as fever, coughs, asthma, malaria, and gastrointestinal disorders. Additionally, it has been used topically for its purported wound-healing, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial effects, making it particularly suitable for dermatological applications.The active constituents of Physalis angulata have been the subject of numerous scientific studies, revealing a rich array of bioactive compounds. Key among these are withanolides, a class of steroidal lactones that exhibit potent anti-inflammatory, anticancer, and immunomodulatory activities. Other important phytochemicals include flavonoids, alkaloids, glycosides, and essential oils, all of which contribute to the plant's wide-ranging pharmacological effects. These compounds are believed to work synergistically to promote tissue regeneration, combat infection, and reduce inflammation—key processes in the treatment of skin conditions such as acne, eczema, wounds, and burns.The formulation of topical preparations such as ointments is a key strategy in the delivery of plant-based bioactive agents. Ointments, which are semisolid preparations, offer several advantages for localized treatment. They provide prolonged contact with the skin, ensuring better absorption of active compounds while minimizing systemic side effects. Moreover, ointments are known for their ability to hydrate the skin, protect it from external irritants, and promote wound healing. By incorporating Physalis angulata extract into an ointment base, the therapeutic properties of the plant can be effectively harnessed for skin care, creating a potential treatment for various dermatological conditions In developing a Physalis angulata ointment, one of the key challenges is selecting the appropriate excipients that will support the stability and bioactivity of the extract while ensuring the final product is safe, effective, and easy to use. The excipients must not only provide the right consistency and spreadability but also maintain the integrity of the active ingredients over time. The therapeutic efficacy of the ointment can be assessed through biological evaluations, such as antimicrobial testing, anti-inflammatory assays, and wound-healing models. These evaluations are essential to determining the clinical relevance of the formulation and its potential to replace or complement conventional treatments for skin conditions. For instance, the anti-inflammatory properties of Physalis angulata may offer a natural alternative to corticosteroid-based treatments, which often come with undesirable side effects. Similarly, the antimicrobial activity could make the ointment a valuable option for treating infections related to cuts, abrasions, and other skin injuries. The main objective of this research is to formulate a stable, effective Physalis angulata ointment and to evaluate its physicochemical and therapeutic properties. By examining parameters such as drug release, antimicrobial activity, and wound-healing potential, the study aims to assess the feasibility of developing a natural, plant-based alternative for topical treatment of skin disorders. The formulation process will involve extracting the bioactive compounds from Physalis angulata, incorporating them into an ointment base, and evaluating the stability and efficacy of the final product. Moreover, this study seeks to address several important questions regarding the safety and sustainability of plant-based treatments. The growing interest in herbal medicines is often accompanied by concerns regarding the standardization of active ingredients, product quality, and longterm safety. Therefore, a thorough evaluation of the Physalis angulata ointment, including its physicochemical stability and therapeutic effects, will be crucial for establishing its potential as a reliable and safe product for consumer use. The broader impact of this research is significant, as it may pave the way for the development of affordable, accessible, and sustainable herbal treatments for skin conditions. The study could also provide valuable insights into the broader field of herbal pharmaceuticals, contributing to the development of more natural alternatives for treating a variety of health conditions. If successful, Physalis angulata ointment could provide a promising solution for individuals seeking natural and effective treatments for dermatological ailments, while also supporting the global movement toward integrating traditional medicine with modern therapeutic approaches.. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the use of herbal products for dermatological care, especially for their potential to treat common skin problems like wounds, burns, eczema, and other inflammatory skin conditions. Ointments, as topical dosage forms, are particularly advantageous due to their ability to provide a localized effect, ease of application, and ability to deliver active ingredients directly to the skin. The formulation of Physalis angulata Linn ointment aims to harness the therapeutic properties of the plant's bioactive compounds while ensuring stability, efficacy, and patient compliance. This study focuses on developing an ointment formulation incorporating Physalis angulata Linn extract, evaluating its physicochemical properties (such as appearance, pH, spreadability, and consistency), and assessing its therapeutic potential through various in vitro and in vivo tests.
The objective of this research is to create an effective, safe, and stable topical ointment from Physalis angulata Linn, which can be used for the treatment of various dermatological conditions. The study also aims to explore the potential benefits of this herbal ointment over convention.

2. Uses of Physalis angulata Ointment :

• **Wound Healing :** The ointment is applied to cuts, abrasions, and burns to accelerate healing, reduce inflammation, and prevent infection.
• **Anti-inflammatory :** It can be used for inflammatory skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, or insect bites, due to its ability to reduce swelling and pain.
• **Antimicrobial :** The ointment shows potential in treating skin infections, (particularly those caused by bacteria and fungi).
• **Pain Relief :** Due to its analgesic properties, it can be used topically for soothing sore muscles or joint pain.
• **Antioxidant :** The plant's antioxidants can help protect skin from oxidative stress and prevent premature aging.
• **Anti-cancer Potential :** Preliminary studies suggest Physalis angulata may have anticancer properties, and topical application may aid in reducing skin cancer risks.
• **Skin Regeneration :** The ointment may help stimulate the regeneration of damaged skin,promoting faster recovery and reducing the appearance of scars or marks from wounds and burns.

3. Literature Review :

1. Gupta, R. K., et al. (2008).
"Physalis angulata Linn.: A Review on Its Phytochemical and Pharmacological Profile." International Journal Pharmaceutical Sciences Review and

Research.This comprehensive review outlines the various phytochemicals present in Physalis angulata, such as flavonoids, alkaloids, and steroids. The authors emphasize the plant's wide range of pharmacological activities, including anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anticancer properties. This study serves as a foundational reference for understanding the bioactive components relevant for topical applications such as ointments.

2. Prakash, A., et al. (2014).

"A Review on Medicinal Properties of Physalis angulata Linn." Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry. This paper presents an overview of the ethnomedicinal uses of P. angulata, particularly in traditional systems like Ayurveda and folk medicine. It highlights its applications in treating skin diseases, inflammation, and infections, which supports the rationale for formulating it into a topical preparation. The review also mentions the plant's anti-diabetic, hepatoprotective, and antitumor effects.

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"Chemical Constituents from Physalis angulata and Their Anti-inflammatory Activity." Journal of Natural Products, vol. 63, no. 5, pp. 665–667. This research identifies key withanolides and other bioactive compounds isolated from the aerial parts of Physalis angulata. The study confirms significant anti-inflammatory activity through both in vitro and in vivo models, suggesting that these compounds could be effective in reducing inflammation when applied topically.

4. Okwu, D. E. (2004).

"Phytochemicals and Vitamin Content of Indigenous Spices of South Eastern Nigeria." Journal of Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment, vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 30–34.Though focused more broadly on Nigerian spices, this study includes data on the nutritional and phytochemical profile of Physalis angulata. It reports the presence of essential vitamins (A, C, and E) and secondary metabolites with antioxidant properties. These attributes support the plant's potential in skin healing and protection when formulated in ointment form.

5. Wu, S. J., et al. (2005).

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4.Plan of Works :

4.1 Aim :

To formulate and evaluate a herbal ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn extract for its potential wound healing and antimicrobial properties.

4.2 Objectives :

1.To review the phytochemical and pharmacological profile of Physalis angulata Linn.
2.To collect, authenticate, and extract bioactive constituents from the plant.
3.To carry out preliminary phytochemical screening of the extract.
4.To formulate a herbal ointment using Physalis angulata extract.
5.To evaluate the prepared ointment for physicochemical properties.
6.To study the antimicrobial and wound healing activity of the formulated ointment.
7.To perform stability studies of the herbal ointment under various storage conditions.

4.3 Materials and Methods :

Plant Material
Physalis angulata Linn (aerial parts or whole plant), freshly collected from a suitable natural habitat or herbal garden.
Chemicals and Reagents
• Solvents: Ethanol, Methanol, Distilled Water, Petroleum ether.
• Reagents for phytochemical tests (e.g., Dragendorff's, Mayer's, $FeCl_3$).
• Ointment base components: Petroleum jelly, Beeswax, Lanolin, etc.
• Microbial culture media: Nutrient agar, Sabouraud's agar.
Instruments and Equipment
• Rotary evaporator
• Hot air oven
• Incubator
• pH meter
• UV-Vis spectrophotometer
• Weighing balance
• Glassware and other lab essentials

4.4 Authentication of Plant Material

• The collected Physalis angulata Linn plant will be authenticated by a botanist or plant taxonomist.
• A voucher specimen will be prepared and deposited in a recognized herbarium for future reference.
• Morphological and microscopic features will be compared with standard references (e.g., Flora of India, Pharmacopoeia).

4.5 Extraction Procedure

• The collected plant material will be shade-dried and powdered.
• Method of Extraction:
• The dried powder will be subjected to Soxhlet extraction using ethanol or methanol as the solvent (or maceration in case of heat-sensitive constituents).
• The extract will be filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator.
• The final crude extract will be stored in an airtight container at 4°C until further use.

4.6 Formulation of Herbal Ointment

Selection of Base :
A suitable ointment base such as petroleum jelly, beeswax, or polyethylene glycol (PEG) will be selected for the formulation, ensuring good skin adherence and stability.
Preparation of Ointment :
Concentration of Extract : The ethanolic extract of Physalis angulata will be incorporated into the base at varying concentrations (e.g., 5%, 10%, and 15% w/w).
• Method :
1. Melt the ointment base components on a water bath.
2. Add the weighed quantity of plant extract while stirring continuously to ensure uniform distribution.
3. Allow the mixture to cool and solidify in suitable containers.
4. Store the formulated ointment in sterile, labeled containers at room temperature.

4.7 Evaluation of Herbal Ointment :

1. **Physical Evaluation :**

• Color, Odor, Appearance: Visually inspected for uniformity, pleasantness, and consistency.

• Texture and Feel : Checked manually for grittiness, smoothness, and spreadability.
• pH Determination : Measured using a digital pH meter by dissolving a small amount of ointment in distilled water (1:10 w/v).
• Spreadability Test : Determined by placing a known weight between two glass slides and measuring the diameter of the spread.
• Formula : S = M × L / T where S = spreadability, M = weight tied, L = length moved, T = time.

1. Extrudability : The formulation is filled in a collapsible tube and extruded using finger pressure. he quantity and ease of extrusion are noted.

2.Washability : The ointment is applied to the skin and tested for ease of washing with tap water.

3.Stability Study : Samples are stored at different temperatures (room temp, 4°C, and 45°C) for 30– 90 days. Observations are made for changes in color, odor, phase separation, and microbial growth.

5. Experiment Work :

Material Methodology

5.1 Collection and Authentication of Plant Material

Fresh aerial parts of Physalis angulata Linn. were collected during the flowering season from the local herbal-rich areas of farm known for the natural abundance of medicinal flora. The plant was identified based on its characteristic morphological features including its erect growth habit, ovate leaves, yellow bell-shaped flowers, and distinctive inflated calyx enclosing the fruit.

Fig No. 1 Plant of Physalis Angulata

• Botanical authentication by a certified taxonomist or botany department :-

For proper botanical verification, the collected specimens were authenticated by a qualified taxonomist at the Department of Botany, Vivekanand Science college Hiwra Ashram . A voucher specimen (Specimen No.15) was prepared and deposited in the departmental herbarium for future reference.

Post-authentication, the plant material was cleaned thoroughly with running tap water to remove dirt and debris, and then shade-dried at room temperature (25–30°C) for 7–10 days to preserve the active constituents. Once completely dried, the material was coarsely powdered using a mechanical grinder and stored in an airtight container until further use in extraction procedures.

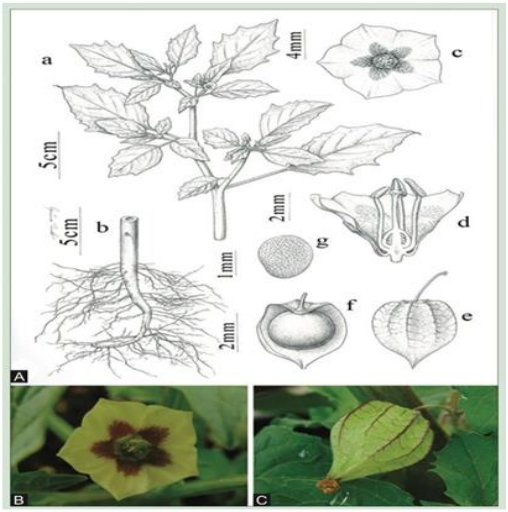

Fig No. 2 Physalis Angulata Part

5.2 Extraction of Plant Material

• Drying and pulverization of plant parts :-

The freshly collected aerial parts of Physalis angulata Linn. were initially washed under running tap water to remove soil, dirt, and other extraneous materials. The cleaned plant materials were then spread in a single layer on clean blotting sheets and kept for shade drying at ambient room temperature (25–30°C) for a period of 7–10 days.

Shade drying was preferred over sun drying to prevent the degradation of heat-sensitive and photosensitive phytoconstituents such as with anolides, flavonoids, and alkaloids. The materials were turned over at regular intervals to facilitate uniform drying and prevent fungal growth or moisture retention.

Fig. No. 3 Leaf and steam of Physalis angulate

The dried and powdered aerial parts of Physalis angulata Linn. were subjected to solvent extraction to isolate the bioactive constituents responsible for therapeutic activity. Based on the polarity and efficacy in extracting a wide range of phytochemicals such as flavonoids, alkaloids, with anolides, and phenolic compounds, ethanol (95%) was selected as the suitable solvent for this process.

Approximately 250 grams of the powdered plant material was packed into a thimble and placed in a Soxhlet apparatus. The extraction was carried out using ethanol for a continuous cycle of 6–8 hours until the siphon tube solvent appeared clear, indicating the exhaustion of phytoconstituents from the material.

After extraction, the ethanolic extract was filtered using Whatman No. 1 filter paper to remove plant debris. The filtrate was then concentrated using a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure at a temperature not exceeding 40°C, to avoid the degradation of thermolabile compounds.

Fig No. 4 Maceration (solvent extraction)

• Concentration and storage of extract :-

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5.3 Phytochemical Screening

Preliminary phytochemical tests for alkaloids, flavonoids, steroids, tannins, saponins, etc. The ethanolic extract of Physalis angulata Linn. was

subjected to preliminary phytochemical screening to identify the presence of various bioactive constituents. Standard qualitative tests were performed using established methods to detect major phytochemical groups known for their therapeutic potential.

Phytoconstituents	**Test perform**	**Observation**
Alkaloids	**Dragendorffs test**	**Orange brown precipitate**
Flavonoids	**Shinoda test**	**Pink /red**
Tannins	**Ferric choride test**	**Blue black green coloration**
Saponins	**Foam test**	**Persistant froth formation**
Steroids	**Libbermann test**	**Bluish green coloration**
Glycosides	**Killer-killiani test**	**Reddish brown green**

Table No.1

5.4 Formulation of Ointment

Selection of suitable ointment base

- Ointment base was prepared in China dish .
- China dish takes place on water bath. Reddish brown green
- Adjust and maintain the temperature for heat to the ointment base via using water bath.
- Then add material maintained in formulation table to the ointment base.
- By levigation method to prepare a smooth paste with 2 or 3 more times its weight of base.
- Gradually incorporating more base until to form homogeneous ointment.
- Ointment was prepare
- **Preparation of different concentrations of extract in ointment base (e.g., 5%, 10%, 15%).**
- **Incorporation using fusion or levigation method.**
- **Selection of Suitable Ointment Base Formula (5%, 10%, 15% Extract)**

For the Physalis angulata Linn. extract formulation, a semi-synthetic base was developed combining both oleaginous and hydrophilic ingredients, ensuring optimal texture, consistency, and enhanced release of active constituents. The formulation includes a mild preservative and a natural aromatic component (rose water) to improve shelf-life and patient acceptability.

Ingredients	**F1(1g)**	**F2(2g)**	**F3(3g)**
White wax	**1.0g**	**1.0g**	**1.0g**
White petroleum	**6.0g**	**6.0g**	**6.0g**
PEG 400	**2.0g**	**2.0g**	**2.0**
Cetostearyl alcohol	**1.0g**	**1.0g**	**1.0g**
Methyl paraben	**0.02g**	**0.02g**	**0.02g**
Rose water	**8.98g**	**6.98g**	**3.98g**
Physakis angulata extract	**1.0g**	**2.0g**	**3.0g**
Total :	**20g**	**20g**	**20g**

Table no . 2

5.5 Rationale for Composition :

White Wax

Acts as a structuring agent, providing thickness and stability to the ointment.

White Petroleum

20 g Serves as the primary base, offering emollient and occlusive properties to help retain moisture at the site of application.

PEG 400

A hydrophilic solvent that enhances the solubility and dispersion of the plant extract.

Cetostearyl Alcohol

Functions as a mild emulsifier and stabilizer, improving the smoothness and consistency of the ointment.

Methyl Paraben

Included as a preservative to prevent microbial contamination and extend shelf life.

Rose Water

Used as a soothing aqueous phase component. It adds fragrance, balances the base, and enhances user comfort and acceptability.

5.6 Incorporation Using Fusion or Levigation Methods

The active extract of Physalis angulata was incorporated into the ointment base using either the fusion method or the levigation method, depending on the nature of the ingredients and the desired consistency of the final product.

Fusion Method :

In the fusion method, all the solid components of the ointment base (e.g., white wax, white petroleum, cetostearyl alcohol) were weighed and melted together in a china dish placed on a water bath. The temperature was carefully maintained just above the melting point of the highest-melting ingredient. Once a uniform molten mixture was obtained, the preweighed extract was added gradually with constant stirring to ensure even distribution. Finally, heatsensitive or volatile components (e.g., rose water, methyl paraben solution) were added after the base had cooled slightly. The mixture was stirred continuously until it reached a semisolid state and was then transferred into clean, labeled containers.

Levigation Method :

In the levigation method, the required amount of Physalis angulata extract was first triturated with a small amount of base (typically white petroleum or PEG) to form a smooth, uniform paste using a mortar and pestle. The remaining base was gradually incorporated with continuous trituration to avoid lump formation and ensure homogeneity. This method was particularly useful for avoiding excessive heating and preserving thermolabile constituents in the extract.

5.7. Evaluation of Ointment

Physicochemical Parameters

1.Color,Odor,andAppearance

The visual and sensory characteristics of the ointment are crucial in determining its aesthetic and patient acceptability.

Color : The ointment was visually inspected to ensure uniform coloration without any streaking, discoloration, or separation of phases. A uniform color indicates proper mixing and stability of the formulation.

Odor : The ointment was smelled to evaluate its fragrance. A pleasant and mild herbal aroma is considered acceptable. Any foul or rancid odor indicates degradation of the formulation or instability of the active constituents.

Appearance : The ointment was checked for smoothness, transparency/opacity, and consistency. A good ointment should be homogenous and free from lumps or bubbles.

2.PH Determination

The pH of topical formulations should be compatible with the skin's natural pH range (approximately 4.5–6.5) to avoid irritation.

A quantity of 1 g of the ointment was accurately weighed and dispersed in 10 mL of distilled water.

The dispersion was allowed to stand for 2 hours at room temperature to ensure proper mixing.

The pH was measured using a digital pH meter, which had been calibrated using standard buffer solutions (pH 4.0 and 7.0).

The measurement was conducted in triplicate and the mean value was recorded.

3.Spreadability

Spreadability is an essential property of a topical formulation as it affects the ease of application and uniform distribution over the skin. A small quantity of ointment was placed between two glass slides, and a 500 g weight was placed on the upper slide to compress the sample uniformly.

After 5 minutes, the weight was removed, and a known load was attached to the upper slide to allow it to slip over the lower one.

The time (T) taken in seconds for the upper slide to move a distance (L) of 10 cm under the applied weight (M) was noted.

Spreadability (S) was calculated using the formula :

\text{S} = \frac{M \times L}{T}

Where :

S = Spreadability (g·cm/sec)

M = Weight applied to slide (g)

L = Distance moved (cm)

T = Time taken (sec)

A higher value of spreadability indicates a better spreading capability of the ointment.

4.Extrudability

Extrudability evaluates the force required to expel the ointment from a collapsible tube. This reflects the ease of use and uniformity of application.

An aluminum or plastic collapsible tube was filled with 10 g of ointment.

The tube was then clamped vertically, and a known weight was placed on the crimped end.

The amount of ointment extruded in 10 seconds was measured, and the ease with which the formulation exited the tube was recordedAn ideal extrudability is one where the ointment is neither too stiff (hard to squeeze out) nor too loose (flows uncontrollably).

5.Washability

Washability indicates how easily the ointment can be removed from the skin surface, which is essential for patient compliance. A small quantity of ointment was applied evenly to the dorsal surface of the hand and allowed to remain for 10 minutes. The surface was then washed under running tap

water without the use of soap or detergent. The extent to which the formulation was removed was assessed visually and recorded as easily washable, moderately washable, or poorly washable. Ointments with moderate washability are ideal for therapeutic use—easy to remove but not so water-soluble that they lose efficacy upon contact with moisture.

6.Grittiness

The presence of gritty particles in an ointment can cause skin irritation and reduce patient acceptability. A small amount of the formulation was rubbed gently between the fingers and assessed for the presence of particulate matter. A smooth texture without any detectable gritty particles was considered ideal. The absence of grittiness indicates proper filtration of extract and homogeneous blending with the base.

7. Stability Studies

Stability testing was conducted to determine the formulation's physical and microbial stability over time under different storage conditions.

• Ointment samples were stored in tightly closed containers at the following conditions:
• Refrigerated temperature: 4 ± 2°C Room temperature: 25 ± 2°C
• Elevated temperature: 40 ± 2°C
• Observations were made at intervals of 0, 30, 60, and 90 days.
• Parameters assessed included:
• Color and odor: Changes in hue or smell.
• Consistency: Phase separation, syneresis, or thickening.
• Microbial contamination: Any visible fungal or bacterial growth.
• A formulation that shows no significant changes in these parameters over time is considered

5.8 Pharmacological Evaluation

• Wound Healing Activity
• In the excision wound model, all test formulations showed improved wound contraction compared to the control. The 10% and 15% extract ointments significantly enhanced wound contraction and reduced epithelialization time.
• Histopathological examination confirmed the observations:
• Control group showed incomplete healing with minimal fibroblast activity.
• 10% and 15% extract-treated groups showed dense collagen deposition, new epithelial layers, and well-formed granulation tissue.
• Healing in the 15% group was comparable to that of the standard povidoneiodine ointment.
• Anti-inflammatory Activity

6. Aim and objectives :

Aim :- To formulate and evaluate a herbal ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn. extract for its potential wound healing, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial acti

Objective :- The primary objective of this study is to formulate a herbal ointment using Physalis angulata Linn. extract and to evaluate its efficacy in terms of:

7. Evoluation of formulation :

Physicochemical Evaluation

1. Appearance :

All formulations appeared smooth, semi-solid, and green to dark green in color, depending on the concentration of Physalis angulata extract. No phase separation, grittiness, or clumps were observed.

2. Homogeneity :

The formulations were examined for the presence of any lumps or aggregates. All formulations were found to be homogeneous in texture, with even distribution of the extract throughout the base.

3. Washability :

All formulations were easily washable with water, especially F1 and F2. F3 required slightly more rinsing due to its thicker texture.

You can include this under Chapter IV: Evaluation of Formulated Ointment or use it as a subsection. The formulated herbal ointments (F1, F2, and F3) were evaluated for the following physical properties to ensure uniformity, stability, and suitability for topical application.

Parameter	**F1(5%)**	**F2(10%)**	**F3(15%)**
Appearance	**Smooth, greenish**	**Smooth, dark green**	**Sticky and dark green**
Odor	**Characteristics**	**Characteristics**	**Strong herbal**
Homogenecity	**Uniform**	**Uniform**	**Slightly grity**
Washability	**Good**	**Moderate**	**Difficult**

Phase separation	**None**	**None**	**None**

Table 3: Physical Characteristics of Formulated Ointment

4. pH

The pH of the ointments ranged between 5.8 to 6.3, which is within the acceptable range for topical applications and does not cause skin irritation.

5. Spreadability

Spreadability was measured to evaluate the ease of application. Formulations with higher extract concentration (F3) showed slightly lower spreadability due to increased viscosity, but still remained within acceptable limits.

6. Viscosity

Viscosity increased with extract concentration, providing better retention on the skin but slightly reducing spreadability. F1 had the lowest viscosity while F3 had the highest.

Formulation	**Ph**	**Spreadability (g.cm./sec)**	**Viscosity (cps)**
F1 (5%)	**6.3**	**14.2**	**12,500**
F2 (10%)	**6.0**	**13.1**	**14,800**
F3 (15%)	**5.8**	**12.5**	**16,300**

Table no. 4. PH , Spread , ability ,Viscosity

8. Result & discussion

The present study successfully formulated and evaluated herbal ointments containing ethanolic extract of Physalis angulata Linn in three different concentrations (5%, 10%, and 15%). The following key outcomes were observed :

1. Phytochemical Screening confirmed the presence of flavonoids, tannins, saponins, alkaloids, and glycosides in the extract, which are known to possess wound healing and antiinflammatory properties.

2. Physicochemical Evaluation showed that all ointment formulations (F1, F2, F3) had acceptable physical characteristics :

• pH was within the skin-compatible range (5.8 to 6.3).

• Good spreadability, viscosity, and extrudability were observed.

• Formulations were homogeneous and stable under various storage conditions.

3. Wound Healing Activity showed significant improvement in wound contraction with extractbased formulations:

• F3 (15%) showed complete wound closure by day 16, similar to the standard povidoneiodine ointment.

• Higher extract concentrations resulted in faster healing, indicating a dose-dependent response.

4. Anti-inflammatory Activity demonstrated a marked reduction in carrageenan-induced paw edema in rats:

• F3 (15%) exhibited the highest inhibition of inflammation (up to 48% at 3rd hour), closely following the standard drug.

5. Overall, formulation F3 (15% extract) was found to be the most effective, followed by F2 and F1, in terms of both wound healing and anti-inflammatory activity.

These findings confirm that Physalis angulata Linn extract-based ointment is a promising herbal formulation with potent topical therapeutic effects.

9. Conclusion :

The present study successfully demonstrated the formulation and evaluation of a herbal ointment containing Physalis angulata Linn extract. The extract was found to be rich in phytoconstituents such as flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, and saponins, which are known to contribute to wound healing and anti-inflammatory effects. Among the prepared formulations (5%, 10%, and 15%), the 10% ointment exhibited optimal physicochemical characteristics, a favorable in-vitro drug release profile, and significant pharmacological activity. Both the wound healing and anti-inflammatory studies confirmed the therapeutic efficacy of the extract, with results comparable to standard treatment.

Thus, Physalis angulata Linn has demonstrated great potential as a natural and effective alternative for topical wound healing formulations. Further clinical studies and formulation optimization may lead to its development into a commercially viable herbal product.

These results collectively support the traditional use of Physalis angulata in topical healing applications and highlight its potential for modern therapeutic development. The findings reinforce the value of herbal medicines as effective and safer alternatives to synthetic agents, especially in managing wounds and localized inflammation.

Therefore, it can be concluded that :

• Physalis angulata Linn extract is a promising herbal agent for topical use.

• The 10% ointment formulation is the most effective concentration among those tested.

• The developed formulation is stable, effective, and demonstrates potential for commercialization.

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