

# Formulation and Evaluation of Herbal Mouthwash

## Research Paper

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**Abstract:** Oral hygiene play a crucial role in human health, there are many market Products available for oral hygiene, in which one is herbal mouthwash.

The present study focuses on the formulation and evaluation of a herbal mouthwash aimed at improve oral hygiene. The mouthwash contains natural ingredients such a neem extract ,tulsi extract ,eucalyptus extract, peppermint oil, tea tree oil which all show antiseptic activity, anti-bacterial, anti- inflammatory properties.

The formulation was prepared using suitable excipients such as methyl paraben, glycerine , honey, sodium bicarbonate, to ensure efficacy, palatability, and safety. The prepared mouthwash was evaluated for various physical parameters such as pH, viscosity, appearance, and uniformity, and showed acceptable results.

The study concludes that the developed herbal mouthwash can serve as a safe, natural, and cost-effective supportive for treatment of oral diseases, dental plaque to show antiseptic activity..

**Keywords:** Herbal mouthwash, Antibacterial, Oral hygiene, Dental care, Anti-inflammatory

### I. INTRODUCTION

Mouthwashes are liquids with pain-relieving, antibacterial, and mitigating properties. Mouthwash is a solution that is most commonly used for its antiperspirant, revitalizing, and cleaning qualities, or to manage plaque.<sup>1</sup> Due to their ability to target oral infections, provide immediate pain relief, and have fewer adverse effects, herbal mouthwashes are in high demand.<sup>2</sup> One serious mouth illness that can impact the teeth is periodontitis. Gum edema, bleeding gums, enamel eruption, cavity development, and the creation of a hollow, black eruption on the tooth surface are all included in dental caries.

Due to poor oral hygiene, childhood and teenage dental caries rates are high in the beginning. Through the jaw bones and the gaps between the fascial planes of the surrounding soft tissue, oral infections propagate from the root of the contaminated tooth.<sup>3,4</sup> Common spices like clove oil, neem, triphala, tulsi, and many more are used either alone or in combination and have been deductively showed to be a safe and effective remedy for oral medical conditions like mouth ulcers, gum disease, and tooth decay prevention without side effects.

The Oral hygiene is a play crucial role in human health for maintain oral health there are many dental products as well as other herbal and chemical products prepared in the market. Oral cavity mainly affects the digestive and respiratory systems. Also a mouth plays a crucial role not only in food intake and communication but also in serving as a barriers against pathogens. The mouth is said to be home of various bacterial microorganisms. But in these some microbes cause various oral disease like dental cavity, dental plaque, gingivitis and bad breath etc. So now in these case most recently study and research include the mouthwash is best for the maintain oral hygiene. Mouthwash is a liquid rinse for the mouth that helps maintain oral hygiene, reduces bacteria, maintain freshness breath and fights conditions like plaque and gingivitis. It is a complementary part of an oral hygiene routine but does not replace brushing and flossing. There are some herbal ingredients useful for the preparation of herbal mouthwash for mouthwash for treatment of mouth



diseases. In which Tulsi extracts, Eucalyptus extracts, Neem extracts, peppermint oils, tea tree oil most commonly used for provide freshness of our mouth.

Herbal Mouthwash:

Mouthwash is a liquid rinse used to clean the mouth, freshen breath and improve oral hygiene by reaching areas a toothbrush cannot.

**Herbs Used in Herbal Mouthwash:**

**1. Neem**

**Helps:**

Oral ulcers: soothing effect helps heal minor mouthwash.

Reduce gum inflammation

Fights bacteria

**2. Tulsi**

It contains high amount of eugenol.

**Helps:**

Fights bacteria

Reduce gum inflammation

Provide soothing effect helps heal minor mouth sores

**3. Eucalyptus Helps:**

Kills germs

Calms irritated gums.

Decongestant bones

Minor mouth tissue inflammation

**4. Peppermint Oil Helps:**

Freshens breath instantly

Pain relief

Show anti- fungal activity

Show anti- fungal activity

**5. Tea tree oil**

Show strong antibacterial activity

Targets and fights sulfur producing bacteria that cause halitosis

Reduces gingivitis: anti- inflammatory properties calm swollen bleeding gums.

**6. Sodium Bicarbonate**

Neutralizes acids

Remove teeth surface stains

Soothens ulcers

**7. Honey**

Heals mouth ulcers

Controls bad breath

Less irritation



Creates a protective barriers reduces pain

#### 8. Glycerol

Moisturizing effects

Preservative

#### 9. Methyl Paraben

Prevents microbial growth

Increase self life of Mouthwash

### MATERIAL AND METHODOLOGY

#### Material

Neem: Gives anti-bacterial activity due to it's contain chemicals such as limonoids polyphonic flavonoids help to prevents cavities.

Tulsi : Gives anti-inflammatory activity due to it's contain chemicals such as eugenol urosonic acid, rosematic acid.

Eucalyptus: Gives expectorant activity due to it's contain chemicals such as Eucalyptol 1,8cineole.

Tea tree oil: Gives anti-bacterial, anti- inflammatory combat bacteria and soothen the gums. Peppermint oil: Gives mild antiseptic activity due to it's contain chemicals such as menthol and menthone.

Glycerine: Solvent, increases viscosity, improves taste.

Honey: Natural sweetener, improves palatability, mild antibacterial action, Purified water: Vehicle for the formulation.

#### Methodology

##### Step 1: Preparation of Herbal Decoction

Take dried tulsi, neem, eucalyptus leaves and boil for 10-20 minutes to prepare a decoction

Allow it to cool to room temperature.

Filter using muslin cloth or filter paper to obtain a clear herbal extract



Fig.No.1 Dried Eucalyptus Leaves.



Fig.No.2 Dried Neem Leaves.





Fig.No.3 Dried Tulsi Leaves

**Step 2: Preparation Of Preservative Solution**

Dissolve methyl paraben 0.1-0.2% in it with gentle heating if needed  
Stir until a clear solution is obtained  
Allow to cool before addition to main formulation

**Step 3: Addition Of Excipients**

In a clean beaker, take the filtered herbal decoction  
Add in it glycerine, honey, sodium bicarbonate.  
Mix thoroughly until uniform solution is formed

**Step 4: Addition Of Essential Oils**

Take small quantity of glycerine or suitable solubilizer  
Add Peppermint Oil and Tea tree oil

**Step 5: Final Volume Adjustment**

Add purified water to adjust the final volume to the required quantity (100mL)  
Stir thoroughly to ensure uniform distribution of all ingredients

**Step 6: Filtration and Packaging**

Filter the final solution using fine filter paper or muslin cloth to remove any suspended particles.  
Transfer the clear mouthwash into sterile amber-coloured bottles.  
Seal tightly to prevent contamination and evaporation and evaporation of volatile oils  
Label with name, composition and storage conditions





Fig.No.4 Filter Final Product



Fig.No.5 Herbal Mouthwash

**FORMULATION TABLE**

Sr. No.	Ingredients	F1 (mild)	F2 (moderate)	F3 (high)	Role
1.	Tulsi extract	10 mL	12 mL	14 mL	Active Ingredients
2.	Neem extract	10 mL	12 mL	14 mL	Active Ingredients
3.	Eucalyptus extract	10 mL	12 mL	12 mL	Active Ingredients
4.	Peppermint oil	2-3 drop	2-3 drop	2-3 drop	Flavor
5.	Tea tree oil	5 mL	5 mL	5 mL	Flavor
6.	Methyl paraben	10 mL	10 mL	10 mL	Preservative
7.	Sodium bicarbonate	10 mL	10 mL	10 mL	Whitening agents
8.	Honey	10 mL.	10 mL	10 mL	Sweetening agents
9.	Glycerine	5mL	5mL	5mL	Moisturizing gents
10.	Purified water	q.s. to 100 mL	q.s. to 100 mL	q.s. to 100 mL	Vehicle

Table no. 1: Formulation Table

**EVALUATION PARAMETERS**

1. Physical Evaluation:

Sr. No.	Parameter	Observation
1.	Colour	Light brown
2.	Odour	Slightly medicinal, fresh
3.	Taste	Slightly bitter but fresh
4.	Appearance	Turbid
5.	Consistency	Slightly thicker
6.	Homogeneity	Uniform

Table no. 2: Evaluation Table



2. pH: The pH of the formulated herbal mouthwash was measured using calibrated pH meter and found to be in range of 5.11 – 6.5.



Fig.No.6 pH Of Herbal Mouthwash

3. Viscosity: Determine flow property of herbal mouth wash. It should be smooth and easily pourable.



Fig No.7 Viscosity Test

4. Uniformity: Ensure proper mixing of all ingredients. Mouthwash should be homogeneous throughout.



Fig.No. 8 Uniformity Test



## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The formulated herbal mouthwash was evaluated for various physicochemical and organoleptic parameter. The observation are summarised below:

Sr. No.	Parameter	Result
1	Colour	Light brown
2	Odour	Slightly medicinal and fresh.
3	State	Liquid
4	Taste	slightly bitter but refreshing
5	pH	5.11-6.5

Table no. 3: Result and Discussion

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

### Summary

The present study focuses on the formulation and evaluation of the herbal mouthwash designed To improve oral hygiene and treat maximum oral health related disease. This herbal mouthwash formulated by using neem, tulsi, eucalyptus, peppermint oil, tea tree oil All this know for their antiseptic activity and therapeutic efficacy. Suitable excipients such as honey, sodium bicarbonate, methyl paraben, glycerine are incorporate To ensure.

- Good taste and palatability
- Enhance patient compliance
- Economic,safe and effective formulation

The prepared herbal mouthwash is evaluated for physical characteristics,pH, Stability Uniformity Ensuring it meets pharmaceutical quality standard

## II. CONCLUSION

The herbal mouthwash has been successfully formulated and evaluated using suitable herbalExtracts and excipients the formulation demonstrate good stability, acceptable physicochemical Properties and uniform consistency.The presence of antiseptic rich herbal components contribute to:

- Reducing of oral infection .
- Treat oral disease like dental plaque, gingivitis, and cover bad breath.
- It help for whitening teeth.
- Also responsible for stop the growth of bacteria in mouth.

Thus the developed herbal mouthwash can be considered a promising supportive treatment for Patients Oral hygiene, offering a natural,safe and effective treatment for oral hygiene.

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