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Comparative study of Herbal Pain Relief Balm with Patanjali Herbal Balm

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ABSTRACT

Modern life is stressful, and tension headaches are one result of that stress. Cosmetics have great demand since ancient time, nowa days, a focus has been shifted more towards derived cosmetic products. Not only cosmetic products, but also to the skin products due to their ease of application among all dermal drug delivery products, pain balm formulation is preferably used so as to get the faster local effect. Royal Poinciana (GULMOHAR) which has various therapeutic activity and is the main ingredients of formulation of pain relief balm. Other used ingredients are Menthol is naturally occurring cyclic terpene alcohol of plant origin, which has been used since antiquity of medicinal purpose. Its use in dermatology is ubiquitous, where it is frequently part of topical anti-pruritic, antiseptic, analgesic and cooling formulations.

INTRODUCTION

The pain balm works on the counter irritancy principal the where the instead of relieving the pain, the pain sensation is suppressed by causing the irritation to the point where formulation has been applied. The balm in common sense is defined as semisolid formulation (generally having medicament) and which is to be applied externally. Pain balm is such formulation that is intended to be used for the relief of mild to moderate rate pain. Tension headaches are very common, affecting up to 78% of people.

Unfortunately, there are also among the most neglected and difficult types of headaches to treat. Herbal balm is an ayurvedic formulation of powerful essential oils for quick relief from head ache, back ache, cold and in relieving pain. Herbal balm composition comprising organic essential oils, organic bees wax and other desired herbal components has medicated topical preparations for application to skin of human beings. Balms are topical preparations for application to skin to relieve pain and stiffness. This balm contains counter irritant chemical compounds such as methyl salicylate. Petroleum jelly is the common

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base for any kind of balms. Pain is an unpleasant feeling often caused by intense or damaging stimuli, such has stubbed a toe, burning a finger, putting alcohol on a cut and bumping the funny bone. The international association for the study of pains widely used definition states, pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage, or described in terms of such damage. Pain motivates the individual to withdrawn from damaging situations, to protect a damaged body parts while it kills and to avoid similar experiences in future. Most pain resolves promptly hence the pain stimulus is removed and the body has healed, but sometimes pain persists despite removal of stimulus and apparent healing of the body and sometimes pain arrive in the absence of any detectable stimulus, damage or disease.

Advantages Of Herbal Facial Scrub:

- 1. Avoidance of first pass metabolism.
- 2. Convenient and easy to apply.
- 3. Ability to deliver drug more selectively to a specific site.
- 4. Improving physiological and pharmacological response.
- 5. Providing utilization of drug with short biological half-life.
- 6. Provide suitability for self-medication.
- 7. Ability to easily terminate the medication when needed

Uses Of Herbal Pain Relief Balm:

- 1. Herbal pain balms can help relieve pain from headaches, backaches, colds.
- 2. Herbal pain balms can help treat rheumatoid arthritis.
- 3. Herbal pain balm was effective in reducing pain, swelling, tenderness, and headache.

Other Uses:

- 1. Arthritis.
- 2. Backches.
- 3. Sore muscle.
- 4. Joint pain.
- 5. Leg cramps

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4. Rational Of the Study: - Need of Work: -

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necessitates careful selection of highly bioavailable analysesic medications for long term treatment. Topical drugs are designed to address these issues by providing a stable plasma level, allowing for gradual delivery of the active ingredient, and having a high safety profile. The mostpopular medications topical formulations for the treatment of pain are reviewed here, along with new research findings.

A. Safety and Gentleness:

- Conventional Herbal pain relief balm often contain harsh chemicals, artificial lfragrances, and microplastics that can irritate the skin and cause allergic reactions, especially for individuals with sensitive skin.
- Herbal balm utilize natural ingredients like bee wax, Menthol, Castor oil, and herbs, making them gentle and safer for most skin types.

B. Effectiveness:

- Herbal ingredients possess inherent properties that are beneficial for the skin.
- For example, Eucalyptus oil inflammation and moisturizes, camphor has antibacterial and antiinflammatory properties.

C. Multifaceted Benefits:

- Conventional balm often contain harsh chemical that pose a threat to the environment and marine life.
- Herbal balm are often formulated with biodegradable ingredients and sustainable packaging, making them more eco-friendly choice.



D. Affordability:

Compared to expensive commercial balm, herbal balm can be made at home using readily available ingredients, making them a more affordable option.

Objectives: -

- To study avoidance of first pass metabolism.
- To ease the patients' joint and muscular pain.
- To Greatly Improve Headache Patients Experience
- To treat common colds in comparison to other product types.
- To reduce tension and encourage rest.
- Temporarily relieves the minor aches and pains of muscles andjoints associated with: arthritis, Sprains, Muscle strains.

5. Plan Of Work: -

- Selection of pure drug
- Identification tests of drug:
- 1. Dragendroff's test
- 2. Hager test
- 3. Test for Menthol
- 4. Test for Bee Wax
- 5. Test for Castor Oil
- 6. Test for Camphor
- Preparation of reagents
- Experimental design
- Result & discussion
- Conclusion
- Reference

5. Drug Profile: -

1. Royal Poinciana



Figure no. 5.1 Royal Poinciana

Scientific Name: Delonix Regia.

Synonym: Gulmohar, Peacock Tree.

Family: Leguminosae.

Chemical Constituents: Mainly alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenes, and steroids. The flowers also contain anthocyanins, such as cyanidin 3-0-rutinoside and pelargonidin 3-O-rutinoside.,

Uses:

- 1. The Royal Poinciana has anti-inflammatory properties.
- 2. mainly used to The Royal Poinciana has antidiabetic properties.
- 3. The extract from flower treat joint pains.

2. Menthol:



Fig no 5.2 (Menthol)

Scientific Name: Hexahydrothymol.

Synonym: Peppermint camphor.

Family: Lamiaceae.

Chemical constituents: Menthol(40.7%), Menthone(23.4%), menthyl acetate,1,8cineole, limonine, beta pinene, an beta-caryophllene

Uses:

- 1. Reduces spasm and pain caused by endoscopy.
- 2. In migraine headache.
- 3. To treat nausea.
- 4. To reduce inflammation

Bees Wax:



Fig no 5.3 (Bees Wax)

Scientific name: Ceraalba.

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Synonym: Yellow wax.

Family: Apidea.

Chemical constituents:

Myricylpalmitate (80%), free cerotic acid (15%), melissic acid, cerolein

Uses:

- **1.** It has anti-inflammatory and anti- allergic properties.
- **2.** It mainly use as an emulsifying agents, stiffener and gentle skin
- **3.** Relieves stress and promote relaxation.
- **4.** Relieves pain

Castor Oil:



Fig no 5.4(Castor Oil)

Scientific name: Ricinuscommunis.

Synonym: Ricinus oil.

Family: Euphorbiacea.

Chemical constituents: Triglyceride of ricinoleic acid 80%.

Uses:

- 1. Castor oil is commonly used as the laxative
- **2.** Castor oil promote the wound healing.

- **3.** Castor oil is a cathartic.
- 4. Castor oil used in arthritis and joint pains.
- 5. Castor oil helps to improve blood circulation

Eucalyptus Oil:



Fig no 5.5 (Eucalyptus oil)

Scientific name: Eucalyptus globules.

Synonym: Lemon scented gum.

Family: Myrtaceae.

Uses:

- 1. Relieves stuff nose.
- 2. Eases sore muscle and joint pain.
- 3. Clears respiratory complaints.
- 4. Reduces stress.
- 5. Disinfects wounds and cuts

Camphor



Fig no 5.6(Camphor)

Scientific name: Cinnamomum camphor.

Synonym: Alcindor.

Family: Lauraceae.

Chemical constituents: D-camphor (51.3%), 1,8-cineole (4.3%), and alpha terpinol

Uses:

- **1.** Provide relief from cold cough, chest congestion, bronchitis and asthma.
- **2.** Improves blood circulation and help to curb muscular and joint aches.
- **3.** Powerful analysesic oil that produces a cooling sensation to numb
- **4.** pain and awarming sensation to increase circulation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Table 6.1: List of materials

Sr. No.	Particular	Quantity
1.	Royal Poinciana	4 ml
	(Extract)	
2.	Menthol	3 gm
3.	Bees Wax	6.6 gm
4.	Castor Oil	3.4 ml
5.	Eucalyptus Oil	2 ml
6.	Camphor	1 gm

• Drugs and chemicals:

Royal Poinciana, Bees Wax, Menthol, Castor Oil, Eucalyptus Oil, Camphor.

• Glassware's and instruments:

Beaker', Stirrer, Measuring Cylinder, Weighing Balance, Motar And Pestle,

6. Authentification tests of drug:

1.Test For Drug Extract : (Royal Poinciana)



(A) Dragendroff 's test. By adding 1 mL of dragndorff's reagent to 2 mL of extract, an orange red precipitatewas formed, indicating the presence of alkaloids.



Fig no 6.1(Dragendorff Test)

(B) Hager's test. Two milliliters of extract were treated with few drops of Hager's reagent. A yellow precipitatewas formed, in- dicating the presence of alkaloids.

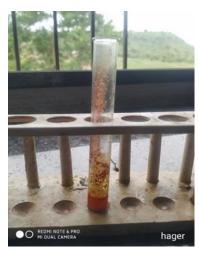


Fig no 6.2(Hager's Test)

2. Test For Menthol:

(A) Take few crystals of menthol and mix with 5ml nitric acid and heat on water bath. Within a few minutes, the solution develops

- blue colour and after sometime, it becomes golden yellow colour which indicates the presence of menthol.
- (B) 10mg crystals of methanol first dissolved in 4 drops of conc. H2SO4, then add few dropsof Vanilline-H2SO4 reagent. Formation of yellowish orange colour which on addition to water changes to violet.

3. Test For Bees Wax:

- (A) Take few crystals of menthol and mix with 5ml nitric acid and heat on water bath. Within a few minutes, the solution develops blue colour and after sometime, it becomes golden yellow colour which indicates the presence of menthol.
- (B) 1 gm drug +10 ml alcohol, reflux for 1 hour with continues stirring. Cloudy liquid getappears which indicates the presence of bees' wax.

4. Test for Castor oil:

- (A) Castor oil + petroleum ether = Completely soluble in petroleum ether=Castor oil ispresent
- (B) Castor oil + equal volume of alcohol = Clear liquid upon cooling at 0°c for (3 hours) = Castor oil is present

5. Test for Camphor:

(A) Add 5 ml of acetone to 1 g of camphor in a test tube, shake well for 3-5 minutes, and let itstand for 30 minutes. If the crystals dissolve completely

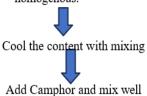
Method of Preparation:

Weighing all the required herbal ingredients for herbal pain-relieving balm preparation wereaccurately weighed by using digital balance.

Weigh all the ingredients and blend menthol, beeswax, castor oil, eucalyptus oil



This mixture heat with continuous stirring to melt the ingredient. Mix till homogenous.





Add the extract to the above mixture with continuous stirring, till the uniform mixing.



Fill the mixture into the container when hot.



Allow to cool in the container and close it with tight lead.



Fig no 10.1 (herbal Pain Relief Balm)

Marketed Product for Comparative study: Patanjali Balm

Patanjali Ayurveda Balm consists of painrelieving ingredients that provide a cool and soothing sensation to help reduce pain and cramps. It has anti- inflammatory properties which minimise inflammation and swelling.

Product Highlights:

- Provides relief from aches and pains
- Has anti-inflammatory properties
- Provides a cooling sensation

Formulation:

- Gaultheria fragrantissima 750gm
- Mentha piperita 500gm
- Eucalyptus globulus 400 gm
- Petroleum jelly
- Hard paraffin



Gandhpurataila (Gaultheria fragrantissima): Used to relieve spasms of involuntary muscle, acts as an anti-inflammatory, and gives relief in pain and exhibits antiarthritic, antiseptic and astringent properties.

Pudina sat (Mentha piperita): Gives a cooling sensation and has a calming effect on the body, which can relieve sore muscles when used topically.

Nigiri tail (Eucalyptus globulus): Has antiinflammatory properties that help ease muscle and joint pain and helps to reduce pain, inflammation and stiffness.

Manufacturer:

PATANJALI FOODS LIMITED Non-Food Division, Block-B, Patanjali Food and Herbal Park, Partha, Laskar Road, Haridwar- 249404, Uttarakhand.



Batch No.: AV1037 **Mfg. Date :**12/24 **MRP₹:** 60.00

Evaluation Tests:

- **Colour** The colour of the herbal balm was checked by visually.
- Odour- The formulation was evaluated for its odour by smelling it.

- Consistency: The consistency of the formulation and particles were used to check thetexture and homogeneity of preparation on the skin such as stiffness, grittiness, greasiness effect.
- **Texture**: It was tested by pressing a small quantity of the formulatedbalm between the thumb and index finger.
- ❖ pH: pH of 1% solution of the formulation was measured by using a calibrated digitalpH meter at constant temperature.
- ❖ Spread ability: Spread ability of the formulations was determined by measuring the spreading diameter by keeping 1 g of sample between two horizontal glass plates (10cm x 20 cm). The standard weight 20 gm applied on the upper glass plate. The spreading quality checked by visual inspection.
- ❖ Wash ability: This test was performed directly on skin, formulation applied on skin and wash with normal water, after washing oily skin observed.
- ❖ Grittiness: The product was checked for the presence of any gritty particles by applying it on the skin.

RESULT:

In the presence of study, the pain balm of Royal Poinciana was formulated by using various excipients. The balm was then evaluated for the Given physical parameters and was found to be satisfactory in terms of appearance and texture. It was easily spreadable with fingers without any roughness felt to touch. The smell of the balm was found to be characteristics. Only thing was the colour was faded as the natural colorant with origin of Flower petals was incorporated. The balm was dense with the optimized melting point. In general, oral or topical antibiotic formulation is

used for the treatment of skin diseases. Traditional medicinal and aromatic plants are interesting and explore its various bioactive natural organic compounds for various treatments. In the last two decades, more research has been carried out towards the identification of the bioactive

compound from medicinal plants and developing into drug for the various treatments.

Comparative Study between Formulated Product & Marketed Product

Table 7.1: Observation Table of Pain Relief Balm & Marketed Pain Relief Balm

Sr. No.	Physical properties &test	Description of formulated product	Description of marketed product
1.	Physical state	Semisolid	Semisolid
2.	Color	Light Orange	White
3.	Odor	Characteristic	Characteristic
4.	Washability	Not Washable	Not washable
5.	Melting Point	53°c	62 °C
6.	Consistency	Good	Good
7.	Texture	Smooth	Smooth
8.	Ph	5	6
9.	Spread ability	Easily Spread	Easily Spread
10	Grittiness	Gritty	Gritty

CONCLUSION

Herbal remedies are now regarded as secure as the demand for synthetic and herbal formulations is rising on the international market. In summary, the primary aim of the research was to develop and assess the fundamental physical parameters and stability assessment of Herbal balm -containing pain relief products. After making the same attempt, the assessment parameter results indicated that, provided the herbs formulation in the balm, stays steady. flower extracts used to relieve pain, Reduce Inflammation and This herbal balm show good physical properties. Based on the study research it can be Concluded that herbal components can be effectively formulated as in the form of balm which having excellent painrelieving property. Patanjali Balm is used for providing natural relief with a blend of herbal ingredients, it helps soothe headaches, cold symptoms, muscle soreness, and joint pain. Its fast-absorbing, non-greasy formula makes it easy

to apply and provides quick relief. Ideal for on-thego use, this balm is perfect for everyday application when needed.

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