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HERBAL DEFENCE: GYMNOSPORIA MONTANA, NEEM, AND MORE FOR ORAL WELLNESS

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ABSTRACT

The mouth is an extremely crucial and sensitive area of our body because we get all types of things through the mouth, hence poor oral hygiene condition causes various oral and systemic disorders. Mouthwashes are a very common extra component of oral hygiene, and there are many different products with constantly changing compositions. Our study's objectives were to look at the ingredients and uses of mouthwashes, as well as how effectively they work to prevent and treat oral illnesses and any negative side effects. Medicinal plants play a predominant role in curing and preventing disease due to their antibacterial and antimicrobial activity against Human microorganism. The current study's objective is to create, test, and assess antibacterial mouthwash's efficacy. The current study aims to develop and assess antibacterial mouthwash and determine how well it works against oral cavity germs. They work against oral bacteria and pathogens, lessen discomfort, and have no negative side effects. For the mouthwash, a variety of herbs and their extracts, including Tulsi, Green Tea, and Nagamotha, were chosen. The created formulation was then tested for antibacterial efficacy against cultures. assessed in terms of physical attributes. There are good antimicrobial properties in mouthwash. In addition to being used to lessen oral bacteria growth, this solution may also be administered for other conditions like gingivitis, analgesia, or anti-inflammatory properties. In comparison to chemical products, a number of herbal items and their extracts, including Gymnosporia Montana leaves, clove, neem, tulsi, etc., have demonstrated notable benefits. The goal of this study is to create a herbal mouthwash and assess how well it works to reduce the amount of bacteria in the oral

cavity. The produced mouthwash was further assessed due to its antibacterial activity and physicochemical characteristics. This study aims to describe these natural compounds that could be utilised as potent mouthwashes. Compare its antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties to those of herbal mouthwash that is sold commercially as an addition to regular oral hygiene.

KEYWORDS: Polyherbal mouthwash, 0ral hygiene, Natural herbs, Anti -bacterial activity.

INTRODUCTION

Smile till you have teeth." - A well-known ancient proverb. Extracts from neem are effective in inhibiting the growth of S. mutans and are utilized in treating periodontitis, displaying antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties. Tulsi (Ocimum Sanctum) is a highly effective mouthwash for treating mouth ulcers and infections. Many herbal mouthwashes include plants with antimicrobial properties, such as neem, nagavali, gandhapura oil, pilu, ocimum, Echinacea, and chameli leaves. Clove is another herb traditionally used for oral health due to its antiseptic, antibacterial, and antiviral characteristics, while peppermint provides a refreshing cooling sensation in the mouth. From the dawn of civilizations to the twenty-first century, people have understood the significance of keeping the mouth and teeth clean. Numerous mouthwash preparations with a wide range of active and inactive components are available to patients and oral health professionals. Brushing is currently the most widely used self-performed oral care technique for mechanically removing dental plaque. However, the majority of people find that this mechanical method is frequently insufficiently successful, indicating that mouthwashes that include chemicals to prevent plaque could be helpful as an addition to regular dental hygiene. Because they work on oral infections, provide immediate pain relief, and have fever side effects, herbal mouthwashes are in high demand.

The significance of maintaining oral hygiene has been acknowledged since ancient civilization through to the present day. Patients and dental health professionals encounter a wide array of mouthwash products that contain various active and inactive components. At present, tooth brushing remains the most common method for individuals to eliminate dental plaque mechanically. Nevertheless, this mechanical approach frequently falls short, indicating that chemical plaque control through mouthwashes could serve as a valuable addition to daily oral care. Herbal mouthwashes are in high demand due to their effectiveness against oral pathogens, their ability to provide immediate pain relief, and their lesser side

effects. In contrast, chemical mouthwashes often contain ingredients like hydrogen peroxide, chlorine dioxide, and acetyl pyridinium chloride, which serve as rapid whiteners, disinfectants, and pain alleviators; however, they may also cause tooth discoloration and other side effects, even though they are cost-efficient. These mouthwashes are concentrated antibacterial solutions aimed at fighting oral microbes, cleansing the mouth, eliminating bad breath, and offering antiseptic properties. They play a crucial role in individual oral hygiene, helping to alleviate symptoms associated with inflamed gums, such as gingivitis, and effectively destroying harmful bacteria. Numerous chemical plaque control options are available, including mouthwash, toothpaste, gum, and gel,, and tooth staining. Any antimicrobial or antiseptic agents employed should adjust the oral environment by targeting specific pathogens without disturbing the normal flora.

A wide selection of mouthwashes is currently on the market, but many have yet to undergo adequate testing, and there is insufficient guidance regarding their optimal usage. Mouthwashes are popular for their efficacy in reducing microorganisms within the oral cavity. Given the swift advancement of scientific research and the increasing clinical data related to the large number of SARS-CoV-2 infections, clinicians require trustworthy evidence of effective treatment methods for this virus. Initial analyses can be conducted quickly using molecular docking software based on the chemical structures of compounds. Herbal mouthwashes are formulated using extracts and essential oils from therapeutic plants, incorporating a blend of active compounds such as catechins, tannins, and sterols. The natural components found in plant-derived substances typically exert mild remedial effects. In comparison to synthetic chemicals, herbal mouthwashes may provide additional anti-inflammatory and antioxidant benefits, further enhancing health. Gymnosporia Montana is a much branched, spinescent shrub or small tree, occurring throughout the arid, dry areas of India. Its systematic taxonomic position is as follows.As ancient as human civilization, the use of medicinal plants to cure a variety of illnesses has gained international recognition in the primary healthcare system. Their use and effectiveness have led to their frequent prescriptions despite their structural complexity and numerous unidentified chemical ingredients, which has helped to reveal their medicinal qualities. With about 100 genera and 1300 species, the Celestraceae family also referred to as the bittersweet family is primarily found in tropical areas. Several members of this family have been reported to have therapeutic use in traditional medicine. From this family, numerous distinctive bioactive chemicals have been identified. Certain species

have yielded polyester sesquiterpene and pyridine-sesquiterpene alkaloids having insecticidal or qualities, and more recently, sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids. The most difficult diseases to treat in today's healthcare system are typically complicated, requiring a variety of targets, mechanisms, and medications. However, plant based medications save a significant amount of time and money by combining several different components, unlike existing combination therapies1. Many of the contemporary medications we use to treat our various illnesses are derived from plants or plant-based medications. The public's experience based on lengthy and risky self experiments has typically been the basis for the discovery of medicinal plants. Over the years, advancements in our knowledge of plant-based medicine have been reliant on two interrelated causes.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) reports that over 80% of people worldwide get their primary medical care from traditional medicines. Certain chemical compounds found in plants have therapeutic potential because they have a specific physiological effect on people. Alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, and phenolic compounds are the most significant of these plant bioactive substances. Research on phytochemicals based on ethnopharmacological data is typically seen as a successful strategy for finding novel therapeutic qualities in higher plants. Understanding the chemical components of plants is important not only for the development of medicinal compounds but also for the potential discovery of new sources of valuable materials like tannins, oils, gums, and precursors for the synthesis of complex chemical substances. Furthermore, understanding the chemical components of plants would be helpful in determining the true worth of traditional cures. Is a species of plant native to tropical and subtropical areas that has medicinal value. Often referred to as the "Indian spindle tree," it has been used for ages in traditional medicine, especially in Unani and Ayurvedic procedures. Dispersion by Region India (Himalayan regions), Africa (southern and eastern regions), and Asia (southeastern regions) are the three continents where Gymnosporia montana is widely dispersed. Several traditional medical systems, including Ayurveda, Siddha, European, Tibetan, and Unani, have utilised medicinal plants to treat illnesses. About 75–80% of people in many developing countries still receive their primary medical care from herbal medicine because of its high cultural acceptability, compatibility with the human body, and lack of adverse effects. In order to treat oral infections, a viable supportive antibacterial substitute with less adverse effects would be highly appreciated. An effective, secure, and cost-effective alternative medication that is integrated with priceless traditional Indian herbal therapy.

Gymnosporia Montana, a Himalayan-native medicinal plant, has been a mainstay of traditional medicine. This plant's leaves are widely utilised in Ayurvedic and Unani medicine to support dental cleanliness, wellness, and health. Gymnosporia Montana leaves are a natural treatment for a number of mouth and throat conditions because they are rich in bioactive chemicals and have strong antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant qualities. Gymnosporia Montana leaves have garnered a lot of interest lately as a mouth gargle because of their possible advantages in: Preventing gingivitis and lowering plaque Relieving mouth ulcers and sore throats Encouraging healthy teeth and gums Improving oral hygiene and immunity As the world moves towards more natural and holistic approaches to health, the use of Gymnosporia Montana leaves as a mouth gargle is an exciting and promising area of research and exploration. This natural remedy has been hailed as a safer and more sustainable alternative to commercial mouthwashes, which frequently contain harsh chemicals and artificial ingredients.

Regional G. montana Names:
Hyderabad: Vaichigachha
Bombay: Zekadi, Hurmacha, and Malkangoni. Vikalo and Vikro are Gujarati
Hindi: Tondar Sajad, Kngani, Baikal.
Marathi: Yekkadi, Vekal, Bharuli, Bharatti, and Vekar.
Punjab: Talkar, Mareila, Kingaro, Kharai, and Dajkar. Kattanji, in Tamil
Sanskrit: Himaka, Bahuphala, Dantakashta, Gopaghantha, and Grantham

Gymnosporia montana leaves medicinal use

According to Nighantu Adarsh, it is used to treat, or jaundice. The usage of ripe G. montana fruit as an anti-inflammatory and blood purifier has been noted in Vanaspati Srusti.G. montana bark is used to treat head infections and lice.[4] According to Aryabhishek, leaf juice can be used to treat eye conditions, especially corneal opacity, irritation, and burning feelings. The fruit of G. montana is tasty, digestible, and used to treat jaundice and enlarged spleen, according to Kirtikar and Basu.

To avoid rheumatic pain from exposure to wet winds, it is advised to apply ground seeds with turmeric all over the body. In cases of rickets, external application of dry powdered leaves mixed with a small amount of olive oil has had promising results.[13] Indian Materia Medica[18] states that G. montana bark is used to eradicate pediculi**.** are referenced in a number of Ayurvedic texts, including Nighantu Adarsh, Vanaspati Shastra, Aryabhishek, and

Vasundhara vanaspati.

Jaundice, inflammation and rheumatic pain, corneal opacity, ulcers, gastrointestinal diseases, diarrhea, toothaches, and vermifuge is one of its purported uses. It is used to treat blood problems, inflammation, and jaundice, according to Thakar.

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Fig. 01: Mouth Gargle.

Pharmacology of Gymnospora Species

The Pharmacology of species of Gymnosporia Numerous bioactive substances with diverse pharmacological properties have been identified from various Celastraceae species, including sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids with antitumor or immunosuppressive properties, triterpenoid quinone methides (also called) with cytostatic and antibiotic properties, and diterpene triepoxides with strong antileukemic and immunosuppressive properties. There have been reports of two anticancer compounds: quinine triterpene celastrol and diterpenoid

epoxide triptolide. This plant has also yielded an anticancer principle that prolongs the "S" phase of the cell cycle and has good anticancer properties. The leaf juice is well recognised for treating jaundice in the Saurashtra district of Gujarat, India. The residents of Bhadra, Karnataka, India, use a leaf extract of G. montana combined with cow's milk every morning for three days to treat jaundice. It is said that G. montana root bark helps in dysentery. In experimental animals, Bhavita Dhru found that a methanolic extract of G. montana leaves had strong analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties. Petroleum ether, 70% methanol,and aqueous extracts of G. montana leaves and stems were tested for their antibacterial properties; the leaf aqueous extract had the highest activity against E. coli. Significant antioxidant activity was demonstrated by G. montana in a hydroalcoholic extract of the leaves and stem. Recently, NI Kochar demonstrated that giving rats G. montana restored or prevented the learning and memory damage caused by scopolamine.

Phytochemical Analysis of Gymnosporia Montana

The Celastraceae family has been reported to include a number of sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids, including A, B, E, F, and G, as well as a sesquiterpene ester, celahin B[3,6-8]. Several workers from various sections of G. montana have documented a large number of compounds with a variety of chemical types. The presence of sterols, triterpenoids, flavonoids, phenolic compounds, and carotenoids was revealed by phytochemical screening of petroleum ether, 70% methanolic, and aqueous extracts of G. montana stem and leaf. G.montana's 70% methanolic extract revealed the presence of flavonoids and alkaloids. G.montana's aqueous extract tested positive for saponins. Saponins in G. montana aqueous extracts.

Importance of Gymnosporia montana Leaves Gargle for Mouthwash

Gymnosporia montana (Gargle) leaves have been traditionally used for their antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and wound-healing properties. Using a mouthwash formulated from its leaves offers several oral health benefits:

1. Natural Antimicrobial Action

Rich in bioactive compounds like flavonoids, tannins, and alkaloids, which help combat oral bacteria such as Streptococcus mutans and Candida albicans. Helps prevent dental caries, plaque formation, and bad breath (halitosis).

2. Anti-Inflammatory & Healing PropertiesContains tannins and terpenes that help reduce gum inflammation and relieve gingivitis and periodontitis. Aids in the healing of mouth

ulcers and minor wounds in the oral cavity.

3. Controls Bad Breath (Halitosis)

Natural compounds neutralize odor-causing bacteria and freshen breath. Does not contain alcohol or synthetic chemicals, making it a safe alternative to commercial mouthwashes.

4. Strengthens Gums & Teeth

Tannins and minerals help strengthen gum tissues, reducing the risk of bleeding gums and tooth sensitivity. May help in reducing dental erosion caused by acidic foods.

5. Safe & Herbal Alternative

Free from harsh chemicals, making it suitable for long-term use. Beneficial for people with sensitive teeth, dry mouth, or oral infections.

Fig. 02: Gymnosporia Montana leaves.

PHARMACOGNOSY

Big, woody, glabrous shrub, or occasionally a small tree, with young branches that are crimson to purple in colour and frequently spinescent at the tips, that bear leaves and flowers. Flowers: The flowers are axillary, tiny, white, and many. Five oblong, widely elliptic lobes make up the calyx; five elliptic-oblong, white, around 3 mm long petals; and five stamens. Fruit: When ripe, fruits are purple or almost black. Each cell contains 1-2 seeds, a globuse capsule with two to three valves, and a diameter of roughly 6-7 mm which is the size of a tiny pea. The cotyledons are green and meaty, the arillus is white and covers the entire seed, and the seeds themselves are brown. The pharmacognostic characteristics of the leaves and stem

of Gymnosporia montana have been published by Deet al.[18] The key characteristics

Activities of Pharmacology

1. Antimicrobial: Prevents the growth of bacteria and fungi
2. Free radicals are scavenged by antioxidants.
3. Reduces inflammation: Anti-inflammatory
4. Analgesic: Reduces discomfort
5. Reduces blood sugar levels; anti-diabetic
6. Anti-cancer: Prevents the formation of cancer cells
7. Cardiovascular: Lowers elevation
8. Neuroprotective:

Prevents degenerative illnesses of the brain Mechanisms of Pharmacology

1. Microbial enzyme inhibition Secondly, free radical scavenging
2. Inhibition of mediators of inflammation
3. The way opioid receptors interact
4. Reduction of the absorption of glucose
5. Causing cancer cells to undergo apoptosis
6. Cardiovascular protection and vasodilation
7. Neuronal effects of antioxidants and anti-inflammatory

Safety and Toxicology

1. Oral LD50 > 2000 mg/kg indicates acute toxicity.
2. Sub-acute toxicity: No notable negative consequences.
3. Non-mutagenic genotoxicity
4. Carcinogenicity: Not a cause of cancer.

Microscopy of the leaf

T.S of the lamina through the midrib reveals a roughly isobilateral structure; the lower epidermis is likewise biseriate with waxy cuticle and round to rectangular cells in the upper layer, which is double layered and coated in a thick, striated cuticle with few stomata.more stomata; two layers of palisade parenchyma in the leaf's upper and lower sections, which exhibit abundant deposits of yellowish-black material and calcium oxalate cluster crystals. The mid-rib region single-layered epidermis, three to four layers of collenchymatous tissue on either surface, and parenchymatous cells with calcium oxalate

cluster crystals and simple starch grains without a hilum and rosettes. A broken ring of sclerenchymatous pericyclic fibres encircles the crescent-shaped, conjoint, collateral vascular bundle in the mid-rib. The xylem fibres are tiny,angular, radially organised, and contain colouring materials.

LEAF: Simple, alternating, or clustered leaves can be found on small branches, in the axils of spines, or on the spines themselves. They are glabrous, sub-sessile, and show a great deal of form variation. The leaves have an acute apex, a mucronate or obtuse edge on the bottom half, and a crenulate margin on the upper half. They measure 3–8 cm in length and 1–3 cm in width. Stem: Stems are modified branches with a single node from which leaves grow. They are reddish brown in hue and have firm, straight, pointed spines. The thin bark has a creamy white inside and small longitudinal wrinkles on the outside.

1. Gymnosporia Montana leaves

1. Gymnosporia In certain communities, Montana leaves have long been utilized for dental hygiene.
2. It is thought to possess antibacterial qualities that could aid in the battle against oral infections and foul breath.
3. There is, however, little scientific proof for these assertions. Before using it, always get advice from a dentist or other medical expert, particularly if you already have any dental health conditions.
4. Gymnosporia Montana leaves' traditional applications point to possible dental health advantages like preventing infections and lessening foul breath.
5. There hasn't been much scientific study done on these claims, though. For individualised guidance on oral health, it is advisable to speak with a dentist or other medical expert.

LEAVES

From the leaves of G. montana, a number of chemicals have been identified, including tingenone, 3-O-acetyl oleanolic acid, hexacosane, hexacosanol, n-triacontanol, betulin, β-amyrone, β-amyrin, δ-amyrin, β-sitosterol, and kaempferol. De et al.[15] have also documented the presence of seven free amino acids, including arginine, glutamic acid, alanine, proline, and γ-aminobutyric acid, as well as galactose as a free sugar. According to the same group, the leaf contains seven fatty acids, with palmitic acid accounting for the majority(72.03%).

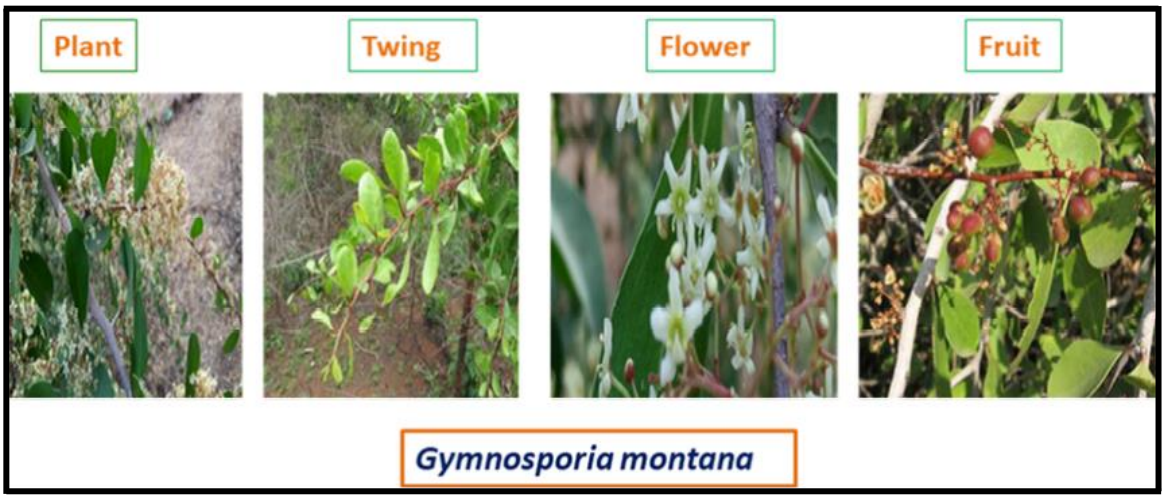

Fig.03: Gymnosporia Montana species.

CHEMISTRY

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Stem

The immature stem's transverse slice shows large solitary, prismatic, squarish, and rhomboidal calcium oxalate crystals, single, thin xylem arteries, uniseriate medullary rays, and virtually continuous, sclerenchymatous pericyclic fibers. The majority of the cells have dark coloring material deposited in them. Older stems exhibit annular rings with small, compressed xylem vessels leading to the pith. The leaf and stem of G have recently been shown to have similar pharmacognostic characteristics by Dhru.

ROOT

The leaf has also been shown to contain iron, calcium, magnesium, sodium, and potassium. According to research by Nagaraju and Karimulla41, G. montana leaves have the capacity to

accumulate significant levels of Ca, K, Mg, B, Ba, Cu, Mn, Sr, and Zn.

Joshi et al. have isolated iguesterin, tingenone, β-amyrin, and β-sitosterol.[24,29] While Akshaya Kumar et al.[25] reported the presence of (-)epigallocatechin, Emarginatine A33,and Emarginatine G22, two more sesquiterpene pyridine alkaloids have also been extracted from this plant. Satyanarayana and his team32 have recovered dukidol and β-amyrin. Other Gymnosporia (Maytenus) species have yielded a number of chemicals. The timber, root, and leaf extracts of Gymnosporia emarged contain triterpene quinone-methides, lupenone, β-amyrin,dulcitol, and sitosterol, as well as (-) 4'-O-methyl-epigallocatechin, proanthocyanidin-A, and dulcitol from the roots of M. ovata Laws34, Maytansine from G. diversifolia (Grey) Maxim35,sesquiterpenes from M. chubutensis36, M. disticha37, and nepetricin38, triterpenoids, and maintain, 22-hydroxy maitenin, rigidenol, and nepetricin. Samples of G. Montana leaves and stems have extractive value data and other preliminary phytochemical analyses available 15, 19, and 20. The leaf and stem have corresponding ash values of 9.6–12.5% and 7.9% w/w. With petroleum ether, methanol/alcohol, and water, the leaf's extractive values were 5.1-6.5%, 10.5-12.1%, and 14.5% w/w, respectively, whereas the stem's were 5%, 10.3%, and 9% w/w. Steroid/triterpenes, alkaloids, flavonoids, and saponins were all present in the leaf and stem.

Ingredients

- Gymnosporia Montana leaves
- Tulsi.
- Menthol
- Clove
- Cardamom
- Honey
- Neem
- Salt
- Apple cider vinegar
- Amla

Sr.no	Ingredients	Biological Name	Role	Quantity
1.	Gymnosporia Montana leaves	Vikalo,vikaro	Antiulcer activity	2-5 g
2.	Tulsi	Ocimum sanctum,Ocimum tenuiflorum	Antimicrobial activity	2-5 g
3.	Menthol	Mentha arvensis	Cooling sensation, reduce bacteria	0.1-0.5 ml
4.	Clove	Syzygium aromaticum	Reduce inflammation	0.5-1 g
5.	Cardamom	Elettaria Cardamomum	Fighting bad breath	0.5-1 g
6.	Honey	Apis mellifera	Antimicrobial activity	10-20 ml
7.	Neem	Azadirachta indica	Fight gum infection	2-5 g
8.	Salt	-	Reducing bacteria	0.5-1g
9.	Apple cider vinegar	Malus pumila	Avoid enamel damage	5-10 ml
10.	Amla	Phyllanthus emblica Linn	Antibacterial activity	2-5 g
11.	Distilled water	-	-	qs 100 ml

Observation Table

Type of Extraction	Petroleum ether extract	70% Menthol Extension	70% menthol Stem aqueous extract
	Stem	Stem	Stem
Colour of extract	Browinish	Brown	Browsing black
% yeld	1.4%	6.5%	7.5%

1) Gymnosporia Montana leaves

Scientific Name: Gymnosporia montana (Roth)

Benth Family: Celastraceae

Synonyms: Celastrus montanus

Roth Common Names: Vikalo, Vikaro, Vico, Red Spike Thorn

Plant Form: Shrub or small tree, often with spiny young branches

1. Gymnosporia Montana leaves are traditionally used in some cultures for oral hygiene. It's believed to have antibacterial properties that may help fight bad breath and oral infections. However, scientific evidence supporting these claims is limited. Always consult with a dentist or healthcare professional before using it, especially if you have any

pre-existing oral health issues.

2. Gymnosporia montana herbaceous shrub used in Indian traditional medicine their leaves decoction was used as mouthwash to get relief from toothache, hence it is also known as Dantakashta in Sanskrit language which means the plant used for tooth problems.

- **Source**

Gymnosporia montana is a plant species indigenous to the Indian subcontinent, which includes India, Sri Lanka, and certain areas of Southeast Asia.

- **Geographical Distribution**

This species is located in the tropical and subtropical areas of Asia, including:

- India (Himalayan foothills, Western Ghats, and Eastern Ghats)
- Sri Lanka
- Southeast Asia (comprising Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam)

- **Chemical Constitution**

The leaves of Gymnosporia montana possess various phytochemicals, such as:

- Flavonoids
- Phenolic acids
- Terpenoids
- Saponins
- Alkaloids

- **Morphology**

The characteristics of Gymnosporia montana leaves are:

- Simple, alternate, and either elliptic or ovate in shape
- Ranging from 2 to 5 cm in length and 1 to 2 cm in width
- Dark green on the top and light green beneath
- Smooth or slightly hairy
- Petiole length is short, about 2 to 5 mm

Uses

- Oral infections can be avoided by regular brushing, flossing, and dental exams.
- Maintaining proper oral hygiene is essential for general health.
- Gymnosporia Montana and other herbal medicines could be used in addition to

conventional dental care procedures

Fig. 04: Gymnosporia Montana leaves, stem.

2) Tulsi

1. Tulsi (Lamiaceae) mouthwash has demonstrated potent antimicrobial activity against a variety of bacterial strains, in addition to its bacteriostatic, antioxidant, and immune-modulatory qualities. It is also used as a therapeutic agent for periodontal diseases.
2. Tulsi has antibacterial qualities that aid in relieving colds.
3. Tulsi is well-known for its medicinal qualities, antimicrobial, and antiviral qualities that aid in air purification. Sweetheart
4. Tulsi is claimed to help prevent plaque development and to help minimise gingivitis and gum irritation.

- Antimicrobial activity: Tulsi has antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties that can help fight bacteria in the mouth.
- Reduced plaque and gingivitis: Studies show that tulsi can help reduce plaque accumulation, gingival inflammation, and bleeding.
- Oral hygiene: Tulsi can contribute to better oral hygiene by reducing bacteria and promoting a healthy mouth environment.
- Alternative to chlorhexidine: Tulsi mouthwash can be a safe and effective alternative to chlorhexidine, a common antiseptic used in oral care, as tulsi doesn't have the same side effects.

- **Source**

Tulsi is native to both the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

- **Geographical Distribution Tulsi can be found in**

- India (widely grown and naturalized)
- Southeast Asia (including Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia)
- Other tropical and subtropical areas

- **Chemical Constitution**

Tulsi contains various bioactive compounds, such as:

- Eugenol (a phenolic substance)
- Ursolic acid
- Rosmarinic acid
- Additional flavonoids, phenolic acids, and terpenoids

- **Morphology**

Tulsi plants are characterized by:

- Herbaceous, either annual or perennial, capable of growing 1 to 2 meters tall
- Simple leaves that are opposite and either oval or elliptic in shape
- Leaf length ranges from 2 to 5 cm, with pointed tips and serrated edges
- Small flowers, purple or white, that form terminal spikes
- Stems that are hairy and can be green or purple

Tulsi is extensively utilized in traditional medicine and is recognized for its adaptogenic and therapeutic properties.

Uses

- Mouthwash: To lessen bacteria and improve breath, use tulsi extract or tulsi-infused water as a mouthwash.
- Gargling: Gargling with water infused with tulsi may help reduce inflammation of the gums, sore throats, and mouth ulcers

Fig. 05: Tulsi.

3) Cloves

Eugenol has been in use in dentistry since the 19th century. Cloves and clove oil are also traditional home remedies for toothache. When you're suffering from dental pain, clove oil is often seen as a natural solution. The eugenol in clove acts like an anesthetic, blocking pain signals and providing quick relief from toothaches and gum discomfort. Many people turn to clove oil for immediate relief during dental emergencies. Clove also has impressive anti-inflammatory properties that can benefit your gums. Inflammation is often a precursor to gum disease, and incorporating clove into your oral care routine can help reduce the risk of developing these issues. The compounds in clove can soothe swollen gums, promote healing, and lead to healthier gum tissue.

1. Eugenol, a potent anaesthetic, is found in cloves (Myrtaceae).
2. Make sure your teeth and gums are robust and defend them against bacterial invasions.
3. Another common element in cigarettes is clove.
4. Cloves are the flower buds of a particular kind of Indonesian tropical evergreen tree.

- **Source**

Clove originates from the dried flower buds of the Clove tree.

- **Geographical Distribution**

Clove trees are native to the Maluku Islands in Indonesia, but they are now grown in various tropical regions around the world, including:

- Indonesia (Maluku Islands)
- Madagascar
- Zanzibar (Tanzania)
- India
- Sri Lanka

- **Chemical Constitution**

The flower buds of clove include a variety of bioactive compounds, such as:

- Eugenol (a phenolic compound known for its distinctive aroma and flavor)
- Eugenol acetate
- Caryophyllene
- Other volatile oils and flavonoids

- **Morphology**

The morphology of clove buds is as follows:

- Dried flower buds, typically ranging from 1 to 2 cm in length
- Color varies from dark reddish-brown to brown
- Buds possess a nail-like shape with four prominent sepals
- Emit a strong and pungent aroma and flavor

Uses

- Relieve toothache: To ease pain, apply clove oil to the afflicted tooth or gums.
- Mouthwash: To lessen bacteria and improve breath, use water flavoured with cloves as a mouthwash.
- 3. Gum health: Cloves may support healthy gums and lessen gum inflammation.
- Clove is widely used as a seasoning and in traditional medicine for its analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial effects

Fig.06: Clove.

4) Menthol

1. Menthol, a compound found in mint, can be used in mouth gargles to help with oral hygiene, treat infections, and soothe sore throats and irritated areas.

2. Oral Hygiene

Menthol can help kill bacteria in the mouth, freshen breath, and prevent gingival bleeding.

3. Treating Infections

Menthol-containing gargles can help treat infections of the lining of the mouth and throat, such as gingivitis and mouth ulcers.

4. Sore Throat Relief

Menthol can soothe and comfort irritated areas of the throat and mouth, providing relief from pain and discomfort.

5. Wokadine Gargle

Wokadine Germicide Gargle 2% with Menthol is an example of a product that uses menthol for its antiseptic and disinfecting properties, helping to treat and prevent infections.

- **Source**

Menthol is typically extracted from the leaves of the Peppermint plant (Mentha piperita) or other mint varieties.

- **Geographical Distribution**

Peppermint, the primary source of menthol, is cultivated in several regions globally, including:

- Asia (India, China)
- Europe (Italy, France)
- North America (United States)
- Other temperate and subtropical areas

- **Chemical Constitution**

Menthol's chemical structure comprises:

- A cyclic monoterpene alcohol (C10H20O)
- Primarily consisting of (-)-menthol, with smaller concentrations of other isomers.

- **Morphology**

While menthol itself is crystalline, the morphology of its source, Peppermint leaves, includes:

- Simple, opposite leaves that are lanceolate or ovate in shape
- Leaves measuring 2 to 6 cm in length, with pointed tips and serrated edges
- Square-shaped, hairy stems
- Small, purple flowers arranged in terminal spikes

Menthol is commonly utilized in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and food products for its cooling and analgesic attributes.

Uses

- The revitalising qualities of menthol can help lessen foul breath and leave a crisp, minty feeling.
- Cooling sensation: Menthol has the ability to produce a calming, cooling sensation in the mouth, which may help ease mild discomfort or irritation.
- Antibacterial properties: Menthol possesses antibacterial qualities that can help stop the growth of fungus and germs in the mouth.

Fig.07: Menthol.

5) Cardamom

1. Cardamom (Elettaria cardamomum) is a herbaceous, evergreen perennial of the ginger family that is pungent, aromatic, and herbaceous.
2. It keeps your mouth moist and guards against dental health problems like cavities.
3. It is commonly used as a mouth freshener in India because it effectively combats bad breath, ulcers, and other oral infections.
4. Eating cardamom on a daily basis can improve your general health by supporting circulation, respiratory, and digestive health.

- Freshens breath: Cardamom helps eliminate bad breath by combating bacteria that cause it.
- Soothes sore throats: Gargling with cardamom water can reduce inflammation and soothe

a sore throat.

- Fights oral bacteria: Cardamom contains compounds that are effective against oral bacteria, promoting oral hygiene.
- May reduce inflammation: Cardamom has anti-inflammatory properties that can help reduce inflammation in the mouth and throat.

- **Source**

Cardamom is obtained from the seeds of the Cardamom plant.

- **Geographical Distribution**

This spice originates from the tropical forests of the Western Ghats in India and is also cultivated in:

- India (Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu)
- Guatemala
- Indonesia
- Sri Lanka
- Other tropical regions

- **Chemical Constitution**

Cardamom seeds are rich in various bioactive compounds, including:

- Volatile oils (primarily cineole, limonene, and terpinyl acetate)
- Terpenes
- Flavonoids

- Additional phenolic compound

- Morphology Cardamom plants showcase:
- Perennial herbs with leafy stalks
- Leaves that are lanceolate or elliptic, measuring 30 to 60 cm in length
- Small, yellowish-green flowers borne in panicles
- Fruits that are capsules, 1 to 2 cm long, containing 15 to 20 seeds
- Seeds that are small, brown, and aromatic

Cardamom is frequently utilized as a spice and in traditional medicine for its digestive, anti-inflammatory, and antimicrobial properties.

Uses

- Chewing pods: Cardamom pods can help neutralise acids and remineralise teeth by promoting saliva production and freshening breath.
- Mouth refresher: Cardamom is a natural mouth freshener that leaves a nice taste and lessens foul breath.
- Body benefits: Cardamom may also help ease stomach problems, which can aggravate foul breath.

Fig. 08: Cardamom.

6) Honey

Sweetheart 1. Gingivitis, bleeding, and receding gums are among the gum disorders that honey (Apidae) can help alleviate. Periodontal disease affects 95% of adults at some point in their lives. 2. Mouthwash containing honey demonstrated a promising antibacterial effect on gingival scores, plaque, and dental cavities. 3. Because of its potent antibacterial and antiseptic qualities, organic honey can help prevent tooth decay and treat gum disease. 4. Honey has antibacterial properties that neutralise about 60 bacterial species and stop the emergence of resistant strains of the same bacterium.

Antibacterial properties: Honey contains hydrogen peroxide, a mild antiseptic, and other compounds that can help kill harmful bacteria in the mouth. Antimicrobial effect: Studies have shown that honey-based mouthwashes can have a promising antimicrobial effect on dental caries, plaque, and gingival scores. Natural alternative: Honey can be a natural alternative to commercial antibacterial agents, as it doesn't contain alcohol, artificial color, or artificial sweeteners.

- **Source**

Honey is a natural sweetener produced by honey bees (Apis mellifera) from floral nectar.

- **Geographical Distribution**

Honey production occurs globally, with significant producers including:

- Asia (China, India, Vietnam)
- Europe (Germany, Italy, Spain)
- The Americas (United States, Brazil, Argentina)
- Africa (Egypt, South Africa)

- **Chemical Constitution**

The chemical makeup of honey varies based on the floral source, but it typically comprises:

- Carbohydrates (fructose, glucose, sucrose)
- Water
- Enzymes (diastase, invertase)
- Amino acids
- Vitamins (B vitamins, vitamin C)
- Minerals (potassium, calcium, iron)
- Other compounds (flavonoids, phenolic acids)

- **Morphology**

Honey appears as a viscous liquid with varying colors and textures, influenced by the floral source and processing techniques.

- Color: ranges from light yellow to dark brown
- Texture: can be liquid, crystalline, or a mix of both
- Consistency: varies from thin to thick and viscous

Honey is widely used as a natural sweetener, in various food products, and in traditional medicine for its antimicrobial and soothing properties.

Uses

- Topical application: To encourage healing and lessen discomfort, apply honey directly to mouth ulcers or other sensitive spots.
- Mouthwash: To make a mouthwash that might lessen bacteria and ease oral irritations, combine honey and water.

- Cough drops: Honey-based cough drops have antibacterial properties and can help relieve sore throats.

Fig.09: Honey.

7) Neem

Antibacterial Properties: Neem is known for its antibacterial properties, which help combat bacteria that cause plaque, gum disease, and bad breath.

Anti-inflammatory Properties: Neem can help soothe gum irritation and reduce swelling, making it a natural remedy for gum disease and gingivitis.

Fresh Breath: Neem can help freshen breath by eliminating bacteria that cause bad odor.

Prevents Cavities: Neem can help prevent cavities by inhibiting the growth of bacteria that cause tooth decay.

Reduces Plaque: Neem can help reduce plaque formation by preventing bacteria from adhering to teeth.

1. Gargling is one of the traditional uses of neem for dental health.
2. It is thought to contain antibacterial and anti-inflammatory qualities that can aid in the treatment of oral sores, gum disease, and foul breath. But before gargling, it's crucial to use neem responsibly and dilute it appropriately.
3. Although neem has long been used to promote dental health, it's crucial to utilise it responsibly.

- **Source**

Neem is originally from the Indian subcontinent and is extensively grown in tropical and subtropical regions.

- **Geographical Distribution**

Neem can be found in:

- India (commonly cultivated and naturalized)
- Southeast Asia (including Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam)
- Africa (introduced and established in numerous countries)
- The Americas (introduced and cultivated in select areas)

- **Chemical Constitution**

Neem contains various bioactive substances, including:

- Azadirachtin (a type of limonoid)
- Nimbin
- Nimbidin
- Quercetin
- Additional triterpenoids, flavonoids, and phenolic compounds

- **Morphology**

Neem trees exhibit the following features:

The bioactive components of Neem are reported to have several pharmacological and therapeutic properties

- Evergreen and rapid-growing, capable of reaching heights of 15 to 20 meters
- Leaves are compound, imparipinnate, measuring 20 to 40 cm in length
- Leaflets are 3 to 8 cm long, lance-shaped, and pointed at the tip
- Flowers are small, white, fragrant, and found in axillary clusters
- Fruits are drupes about 1 to 2 cm long, turning yellowish-green when ripe

Uses

- Neem mouthwash: To make a mouthwash that may help lessen bacteria and improve breath, combine neem powder or extract with water.
- Gargling: To assist relieve mouth irritations, lower plaque, and support healthy gums, gargle with water infused with neem.

Fig. 10: Neem.

8) Apple cider vinegar

Apple cider vinegar (ACV) has been used for centuries for its potential health benefits, including oral health. Here are some ways ACV may be beneficial for oral health:

Benefits of Apple Cider Vinegar for Oral Health

1. Antimicrobial properties: ACV has antimicrobial properties, which can help reduce the growth of bacteria and other microorganisms in the mouth.
2. pH balancing: ACV may help balance the pH of the mouth, reducing acidity and promoting a healthy oral environment.
3. Gingivitis prevention: The antimicrobial properties of ACV may help prevent gingivitis, a mild form of gum disease.
4. Bad breath reduction: antimicrobial properties may help reduce bad breath (halitosis) by eliminating bacteria that cause it.
5. Tooth decay prevention: ACV's acidity may help prevent tooth decay by inhibiting the growth of bacteria that contribute to decay.

- **Source**

Apple Cider Vinegar is produced from fermented apple cider.

- **Geographical Distribution**

Apple Cider Vinegar can be made anywhere apples are cultivated, but key producers include:

- United States
- Europe (France, Italy)
- Asia (China, Japan)

- **Chemical Constitution**

ACV includes:

- Acetic acid (the primary active compound)
- Water
- Malic acid
- Tartaric acid
- Various organic acids and polyphenols

- **Morphology**

Apple Cider Vinegar presents as a liquid with:

- An amber to brown hue
- A sour taste and pungent odor
- May appear cloudy or clear, based on filtration

ACV is used in cooking, health supplements, and traditional medicine for its potential health benefits.

- Natural clean agent: ACV`s make it a potential natural cleaning agent for surface and removing stain
- Pest control: ACV`s may help deter ants and other pests
- Digestive aid: ACV may help alleviate digestive issues such as a bloating and indigestion
- Weight management: some people use ACV as a weight loss aid although it's effectiveness is a debated
- Antimicrobial property: ACV`s acidity may help combat microbial growth, supporting immune function

Uses

- To lessen bacteria and improve breath, make a diluted mouthwash by combining one part ACV with two to three parts water and gargling.
- Gargling: To relieve tongue irritations, gargle with a diluted ACV solution.

Fig.11: Apple cider vinegar.

9) Amla

For millennia, Ayurvedic medicine has utilised amla (Emblica officinalis) to support dental health. The following are some ways that Amla promotes dental health: Amla's advantages for oral health

1. **Antibacterial properties**: Research has demonstrated that amla reduces the incidence of oral infections by exhibiting antibacterial action against oral microorganisms.
2. The oral mucosa is shielded from oxidative stress and damage by the antioxidant qualities of amla.
3. Anti-inflammatory properties: Amla's anti-inflammatory qualities can aid in the reduction of mouth ulcers and gum inflammation.
4. Saliva stimulation: Amla has been demonstrated to increase salivary flow, which aids in tooth remineralisation and acid neutralisation.
5. Prevention of tooth decay: Amla's antioxidant and antibacterial qualities may help keep teeth healthy and prevent tooth decay.
6. Gum health: Amla's antioxidant and anti-inflammatory qualities may support healthy gums and ward off gum disease.
7. Mouth freshening: Amla has been used to leave the mouth feeling clean and to freshen breath

- **Source**

Amla is derived from the fruit of the Amla tree (Emblica officinalis).

- **Geographical Distribution**

Amla trees are indigenous to the Indian subcontinent and can also be found in:

- India
- Southeast Asia (Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia)
- China
- Other tropical areas

- **Chemical Constitution**

Amla fruit is abundant in:

- Vitamin C (ascorbic acid)
- Gallic acid
- Ellagic acid
- Various antioxidants and polyphenols

- **Morphology**

The characteristics of Amla fruit are:

- Green or yellowish-green in color
- Round or globular shape
- Measuring 2 to 4 cm in diameter
- Smooth or slightly ribbed exterior
- Tart or sour flavor

Amla is widely used in Ayurvedic medicine, food products, and traditional remedies for its prospective health benefits, including antioxidant and immune-boosting properties.

Uses

- Antioxidant qualities: The antioxidants in amla may help prevent inflammation and mouth infections.
- Vitamin C content: Amla's vitamin C may promote gum health and increase the formation of collagen.
- Antimicrobial qualities: Amla may aid in breath freshening and bacterial reduction.
- Amla mouthwash: To make a mouthwash, combine amla extract or powder with water.
- Gargling: To relieve tongue irritations, gargle with water infused with amla.

Fig. 12: Amla.

Preparation and Procedure

1) Gymnosporia Montana leaves: 2-3 T.S(Dried or fresh leaves)
2) Tulsi Leaves:5-6 Leaves
3) Menthol:1-2 leaves
4) Neem: 3-4 leaves
5) Clove:2-3 or clove oil : 1T.S
6) Cardamom:1-2
7) Honey:1-2 T.S
8) Salt: ¼ T.S
9) Distilled Water:2 cups
10) Apple cider vinegar:2 tablespoon

Procedure

Step 1: Preparation of Ingredients

1. Rinse the Gymnosporia Montana leaves, neem leaves, and tulsi leaves with clean water.
2. Dry the leaves with a clean cloth or paper towel.
3. Grind the cloves and cardamom pods into a fine powder using a mortar and pestle or a spice grinder.

Step 2: Decoction Preparation

1. In a saucepan, combine 1 cup of water, Gymnosporia Montana leaves, neem leaves, tulsi leaves, and ground cloves and cardamom.
2. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 5-7 minutes.

3. Strain the decoction into a clean bowl and discard the solids.

Step 3: Solution Preparation

1. Add 2-3 tablespoons of honey to the decoction and stir until dissolved.
2. Add 2-3 drops of menthol to the solution and stir well.
3. Add 1 teaspoon of salt to 1 cup of water and stir until dissolved.
4. Add the salt water solution to the decoction and stir well.

Step 4: Gargling

1. Gargle the solution for 30 seconds to 1 minute, 2-3 times a day.
2. Spit out the solution and rinse your mouth with plain water**.**

Step 5: Storage

1. Store the solution in a clean, airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.
2. Shake the solution well before each use.

- **Formulation Ingredients**

- Gymnosporia Montana leaf extract: 10% v/v
- Neem extract: 5% v/v
- Clove oil: 2% v/v
- Cardamom oil: 1% v/v
- Honey: 10% w/v
- Amla extract: 5% v/v
- Tulsi extract: 5% v/v
- Apple cider vinegar:2% v/v
- Salt: 1% w/v
- Purified water: qs

- **Dissolution Test**

- Method: Conduct a dissolution test following USP or IP guidelines
- Objective: Assess the dissolution of the formulation
- Acceptance criteria: At least 80% of the labeled active ingredients should dissolve within 30 minutes

- **Sterilization Test**

- Method: Perform sterilization validation according to ISO 13408 or equivalent

- Objective: Confirm that the formulation is sterile and devoid of microbial contamination
- Acceptance criteria: No microbial growth should be detected

- **Microbial Test**

- Method: Carry out a microbial limit test as per USP or IP guidelines
- Objective: Analyze microbial load and ensure the formulation complies with safety standards
- Additional Testing

Other tests that may be pertinent for this formulation include

- pH testing
- Viscosity testing
- Stability testing (accelerated and long-term)
- In vitro antimicrobial efficacy testing

For compliance with relevant guidelines and regulations, please consult a qualified formulation scientist or regulatory expert

The pH test is used to evaluate the acidity or alkalinity of a solution

- **pH Range for Mouth Gargle**

For a mouth gargle formulation, a pH range that is close to neutral (pH 7) or slightly acidic (pH 6-6.5) is generally preferred to minimize irritation and ensure compatibility with oral tissues.

- **pH Test Method**

The pH test can be conducted using

- pH meter: an electronic device that determines the pH of a solution
- pH paper or pH indicator strips: provide a quick and approximate pH measurement

- **Acceptance Criteria**

The acceptance criteria for pH will vary based on the specific formulation and its intended use. For a mouth gargle, a pH range of 6-7.5 may be acceptable, but this should be established according to the formulation's specific requirements and regulatory guidelines.

1. Collection and Authentication

Identify and collect Gymnosporia montana plant parts (leaves, bark, or roots) from a

suitable location.

Authenticate the plant species by a botanist or herbarium for validation.

2. Drying and Powdering

Wash the collected plant material to remove dust and impurities.

Dry under shade at room temperature for 7–10 days to prevent degradation of phytochemicals. Grind into a fine powder using a mechanical grinder.

Store in airtight containers for further extraction.

3. Extraction Process

Selection of Extraction Method

Solvent Extraction (Maceration, Soxhlet, or Ultrasonic-assisted) Aqueous Extraction (Decoction or Infusion)

Evaluation Test

1) PH stability test
2) Microbial test
3) Sterility test
4) Toxicity test
5) Quality control test
6) Colour and clarity test
7) Sedimentation test
8) Foam test
9) Irritating test
10) Chemical stability test
11) Sensory evaluation test

1) PH stability test

Gymnosporia Montana leaf gargle's acidity or alkalinity is evaluated using a pH measurement test.

Test Procedure

1. PH meter: Determine the pH of the gargle solution using a calibrated pH meter.
2. PH paper: For a fast estimate, use pH paper or pH indicator strips.
3. Product stability: The stability of active substances is impacted by pH.

4. Compatibility with skin and mucous membranes:Verifies that the product's pH is appropriate for oral usage.
5. Efficacy: The product's efficacy is influenced by pH.

Acceptance Criteria

pH range: Oral products usually work best in a pH range of 5.5 to 7.5. Things to think about: The product's ability to keep its pH stable is known as its buffering capacity.

2. Compatibility of components:Verify that the substances are compatible with the pH level.

2) Microbial Test

1) Total Viable Count (TVC): Indicates how many germs are there overall.
2) Pathogen detection: Assays for particular pathogens such as Salmonella, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Staphylococcus aureus, or E. coli.
3) Count of mould and yeast: Determines whether mould and yeast are present. Methods of

Testing

1. Agar plate method: To measure TVC and identify infections, microorganisms are cultivated on agar plates
2. Membrane filtration: After filtering, microorganisms are cultivated on agar plates.

3) Sterility test

- Membrane filtration: Use a sterile membrane filter to filter the product.
- Direct inoculation: Introduce the substance into culture media.
- Incubation: Keep the samples at the right temperature in the right culture media (such as fluid thioglycollate medium or trypticase soy broth).

Test Specifications

1. The absence of germs is known as bacterial sterility.
2. Fungal sterility: The lack of mould and yeast**.**

4) Toxicity test

1. Acute toxicity: Evaluates detrimental consequences that occur right away.
2. Sub-acute toxicity: Assesses the consequences following many exposures.
3. Cytotoxicity: Checks for damage to cells.

5) Quality control test

1. Product safety: Guarantees the safety of customers.
2. Efficacy: Confirms the efficacy of the product.
3. Regulatory compliance: Fulfils legal obligations.
4. Consistency: Guarantees uniformity from batch to batch.

6) Colour and clarity test

1. Color: Assesses the product's color, ensuring consistency.
2. Clarity: Evaluates the product's transparency or turbidity**.**

7) Sedimentation test

1. Product stability: Ensures uniform distribution of ingredients.
2. Quality control: Verifies consistency across batches.
3. Shelf life: Predicts product's shelf life

8) Foam test

- Foam height: Measures the height of foam generated.
- Foam stability: Assesses the duration foam remains stable.
- Shaking test: Shake the product and measure foam height.
- Foam generation: Use a standardized method to generate foam.

9) I Irritating test

- Product safety: Ensures the product is safe for oral use.
- Regulatory compliance: Meets regulatory requirement.
- No significant irritation: Product does not cause significant irritation.

10) Chemical stability test

- Active ingredient degradation: Assesses loss of potency.
- pH stability: Monitors pH changes.
- Degradation products: Identifies potential impurities.
- Product efficacy: Ensures active ingredients remain potent.
- Product safety: Prevents formation of harmful degradation products.
- Shelf life determination: Establishes product expiration dates.

11) Sensory evaluation test

- Taste: Assesses sweetness, bitterness, and other flavours. Aroma: Evaluates the fragrance

of the product.

- Mouthfeel: Assesses discomfort, texture, and refreshingness. Aftertaste: Evaluates flavours that remain.
- Testing using human panels: Skilled panellists assess sensory qualities. Panellists describe sensory attributes in a descriptive analysis

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Precautions

1. Consult with a healthcare professional before using this gargle solution, especially if you have any underlying health conditions.
2. Adjust the ingredient proportions according to your personal preferences and sensitivities.
3. Avoid swallowing the gargle solution.
4. If you experience any discomfort, allergic reactions, or side effects, discontinue use and consult a healthcare professional

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Fig.13: Gymnosporia Montana leaves Mouth gargle.

CONCLUSION

The mouth gargle recipe that includes Gymnosporia Montana leaves, Neem, Honey, Tulsi, Cardamom, Clove, Apple Cider Vinegar, and Salt takes a comprehensive approach to oral health. This combination may offer:

1. **Antimicrobial Advantages:** The antimicrobial qualities of Neem, Clove, and Tulsi might help decrease microbial presence, aiding in infection prevention and fostering a healthy oral microbiome.
2. **Anti-inflammatory Properties:** Gymnosporia Montana, Tulsi, and Clove could help alleviate inflammation, soothing oral tissues and easing discomfort.
3. **Antioxidant support:** Honey and Tulsi's antioxidant characteristics may shield oral tissues from oxidative damage, promoting better oral health.
4. **pH Regulation:** Apple Cider Vinegar may assist in maintaining a balanced oral pH, which is essential for the natural equilibrium of oral flora.
5. **Breath freshening and oral care:** The natural deodorizing effects of Cardamom and the antimicrobial properties of the formulation may contribute to fresher breath and enhanced oral hygiene.

➢ Potential Uses :This mouth gargle formulation could be beneficial for:

1. Reducing plaque and gingivitis
2. Alleviating sore throats and mouth irritations
3. Refreshing breath
4. Enhancing overall oral health
5. Supporting treatment for oral infections or inflammation

➢ Future Directions: Additional research and clinical trials are needed to:

1. Validate the efficacy and safety
2. Refine the formulation and dosing
3. Investigate possible uses in oral health care

It is advisable to consult a healthcare professional prior to using this or any other oral health product.

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