

Polyherbal Toothgel Containing Extracts of *Punica Granatum* Peels and *Psidium Guajava* Leaves Using Chitosan and Carrageenan Gel Bases: A Comparative Study

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Abstract: Due to the awareness of harmful side effects of synthetic ingredients used in commercial toothgels or pastes, people are now more attracted towards the toothgels made of natural ingredients. Therefore, this study was aimed to formulate and evaluate new polyherbal toothgel containing extracts of *Punica granatum* (Pomegranate) peels and *Psidium guajava* (Guava) leaves. The formulated toothgels were completely free of synthetic ingredients. The formulations were prepared by using two kinds of natural gel bases-chitosan and carrageenan. All the developed formulations were evaluated by various evaluation parameters such as pH, hard and sharp edged abrasive material, foaming ability, cleaning ability, spreadability, extrudability, viscosity, in vitro antimicrobial activity etc. The antimicrobial activity of the formulated toothgels were tested against *Escherichia coli* and *Candida albicans*. The formulated toothgels showed significant inhibition against the test microorganisms. Overall, the formulations developed by using chitosan gel base showed superior quality in comparison with the formulations containing carrageenan gel base.

Keywords: Polyherbal toothgel, antibacterial activity, *Punica granatum*, *Psidium guajava*.

I. INTRODUCTION

The oral care products that are used by individuals on a daily basis in order to promote oral hygiene are called dentifrices. Among the commonly available dentifrices in the market tooth gels or pastes are most preferred by the global population [1]. The ingredients of a tooth gel include active ingredients, abrasives, whitening agents, humectants, gelling agents, colouring agents, flavouring agents and preservatives.

The problem now is the long term use of most of the commercially available tooth gels in the market may cause serious health hazards [2]. In commercial tooth gels, the generally used whitening agents include bleach and peroxides, both of which can act as a mouth and skin irritant in small doses and may cause severe chemical burns in large doses. The commercial tooth gel or paste ingredients may affect the environment adversely. The formaldehyde and Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetic acid (EDTA), the commonly used preservatives in tooth gels may cause environmental pollution³. Oral care products containing antimicrobial agents such as triclosan, cetylpyridinium chloride, amine fluorides etc.

are reported to exhibit toxicity and cause staining of the teeth⁴. Chlorhexidine gluconate (CG), which is considered as the gold standard for clinical efficacy in plaque control is reported with discolouration of mouth and teeth, tartar formation on the teeth, taste problems etc. In addition, CG is reported with serious allergic reactions⁵. Considering these reasons, the study was selected to overcome the problems associated with synthetic tooth gels by developing a tooth gel formulation which is completely free of synthetic ingredients. The investigation suggested the possibilities to formulate a novel tooth gel containing extracts of *Punica granatum* peel and *Psidium guajava* leaves along with other natural excipients which are safe as well as effective without any side effects.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Collection of plant materials and identification

Fresh fruits of pomegranate, tender guava leaves, aloe vera, beetroot and licorice root were collected from different localities of Kannur and Kasaragod district and identified.

B. Preparation of herbal extracts

The peels of pomegranate were separated manually from the fruits, cut into small pieces and dried under shade ($27 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$). The dried peels were coarsely powdered and 100 g of powdered peels were subjected to extraction by maceration in 500 ml 70 % methanol at $27 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ for 7 days. The macerates were filtered and the filtrate was dried at a temperature of $27 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ for 10 days. The dried extract was stored in a freezer (refrigerator) at $4 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ until further use [2].

The tender leaves of guava was dried under shade ($27 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$) and coarsely powdered using an electric mixer grinder. The powder was defatted with petroleum ether and subjected to soxhlet extraction using 500 ml 70 % methanol. The extract was collected and subjected to solvent evaporation from a china dish. The dried extract was stored in a freezer (refrigerator) at $4 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ until further use [6].

C. Determination of MIC of combined herbal extract

The MIC of the combined herbal extract was prepared by tube dilution method, by taking the extracts of pomegranate

peel and guava leaves in 1:1 ratio. A series of concentration of combined herbal extract was prepared in Dimethyl sulfoxide where the concentration ranges between 1000 µg/ml and 62.5 µg/ml. Each test tubes along with positive and negative control was inoculated with one drop of microbial culture and incubated at a temperature of $37 \pm 2^\circ$ C for a period of 48 hours. After incubation, all the test tubes were examined for the growth in the form of turbidity. The results were recorded and the MIC was calculated by comparing all the results with positive and negative control [7].

D. Phytochemical screening

Phytochemical examinations were carried out for all the extracts as per the standard procedures (Table-1) [8].

TABLE I
 IDENTIFICATION OF PHYTOCHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS

| Phytochemical constituents | Methanolic extract of <i>Punica granatum</i> | Methanolic extract of <i>Psidium guajava</i> |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Flavonoids | + | + |
| Phenolic compounds | + | + |
| Terpenes | - | + |
| Tannins | + | + |
| Glycosides | - | + |
| Saponins | - | + |

+ Presence of phytochemical constituents

- Absence of phytochemical constituents

E. Preparation of other herbal ingredients

Gel of aloe vera

The fresh aloe vera leaves were collected and the gel from aloe vera leaves were directly scraped out. The gel was crushed and used for the formulation of tooth gel.

Powder of licorice root

The dried roots were crushed into fine powder and passed through sieve number #170. The fine powder obtained after sieving is stored in an air tight container for further use.

Powder of eggshell

The poultry eggshells were collected and cleaned in distilled water. Then, the eggshells were kept in a hot water bath at a temperature of $100 \pm 2^\circ$ C for 20 minutes followed by removal of the membrane. The eggshells were air dried and then crushed using a mortar and pestle, and passed through sieve number # 170. The powdered eggshell was stored in an air tight container for further use [9], [10].

Beetroot colour

The beetroot was cut into small pieces and 5g of the cut pieces were placed in a mortar and crushed with a pestle. A mixture of hexane and acetone at 1:1 ratio was added into the mortar and the sample was crushed again. To the mortar, 5 ml of acetone was added again and triturated well. The solvent was collected and filtered through Whatmann filter paper No.1. The filtrate was then transferred into a separating funnel. 50 ml of distilled water was added along with the addition of 50 ml 10

% NaCl solution into the separating funnel. The mixture was shaken vigorously and kept aside for the layers to separate. The upper layer containing coloured pigments were collected separately after the removal of water and NaCl solution. The extract was collected in tubes [11].

F. Preparation of gel bases

4% and 7% was fixed as the concentration for chitosan and carrageenan respectively, on trial and error basis.

Preparation of 4% chitosan gel base

4g chitosan was weighed and soaked in 1% glacial acetic acid solution. It was then kept for 24 hours to get a clear gel of 4% chitosan [12].

Preparation of 7% carrageenan gel base

Required quantity of carrageenan powder was weighed accurately and allowed to swell in sufficient quantity of hot distilled water to get a clear gel of 7% carrageenan [13].

G. Preparation of tooth gel

The formulations were designed as per its composition listed in Table-2 and Table-3. The weighed quantity of eggshell powder and licorice root powder were taken in a mortar and mixed well. Weighed quantity of the extracts of pomegranate peel and guava leaves were mixed thoroughly with a small portion of gel base on an ointment slab. The contents from the mortar was transferred to the ointment slab and blended well with the above mixture. The blended mixture was then transferred from the ointment slab to a clean dry mortar. To this, weighed quantity of aloe vera gel was added followed by the addition of beetroot colour and clove oil. The contents are then triturated well using a pestle and finally transferred into aluminium tube until further use [14].

H. Evaluation of tooth gel formulation

1. Preliminary characteristics

The preliminary characterization of developed as well as marketed sample of tooth gel was done in terms of organoleptic properties and drying tendency [15].

TABLE II
 COMPOSITION OF DEVELOPED FORMULATIONS CONTAINING 4% CHITOSAN GEL BASE

| Ingredients* | Formulation code | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| | CF1 | CF2 | CF3 | CF4 | CF5 | CF6 | CF7 | CF8 | CF9 |
| Pomegranate peel extract | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Guava leaf extract | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Eggshell powder | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Aloe vera gel | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Licorice root powder | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Clove oil | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Beetroot colour | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 |
| 4% chitosan gel base | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s |

*All ingredients added in % w/w

TABLE III
COMPOSITION OF DEVELOPED FORMULATIONS CONTAINING 7% CARRAGEENAN GEL BASE

| Ingredients* | Formulation code | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | CGF1 | CGF2 | CGF3 | CGF4 | CGF5 | CGF6 | CGF7 | CGF8 | CGF9 |
| Pomegranate peel extract | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Guava leaf extract | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Eggshell powder | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Aloe vera gel | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Licorice root powder | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Clove oil | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Beetroot colour | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1 |
| 7% carrageenan gel base | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s | q.s |

*All ingredients added in % w/w

2. Physico-chemical characteristics

The evaluation of physicochemical characteristics was done in terms of abrasiveness, pH, viscosity, spreadability and extrudability [15].

3. Performance evaluation

Performance evaluations were made on the basis of foaming ability, cleaning ability and in vitro antimicrobial profile. The developed as well as marketed sample of tooth gel was subjected for performance evaluations.

4. Accelerated stability studies

Accelerated stability studies of all developed formulations were performed as per WHO guidelines 2017 with necessary modifications. The formulated tooth gels were filled into collapsible aluminum tubes and stored at different temperature and humidity conditions, 25°C ± 2°C/60% RH ± 5%, 40°C ± 2°C/75% RH ± 5% for a period of 1 month and observed for change in colour, consistency, pH, viscosity and extrudability [16].

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. MIC of the extracts

The MIC for the combined herbal extract was determined against the strains of *E coli* (ATCC 25922) and *C albicans* (ATCC 10231), and the MIC value was found to be 800 µg/ml, which was further confirmed by cup plate method (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. Cup plate method for combined

Methanolic herbal extracts using *E coli* (ATCC 25922) and *C albicans* (ATCC 10231).

Based on the preliminary evaluation, the formulations

containing 4% chitosan gel base was much better as compared to the formulations with 7% carrageenan gel base (Table-4). None of the formulations produced any kind of drying tendency.

TABLE IV
ORGANOLEPTIC PROPERTIES OF THE FORMULATIONS

| Formulations | Organoleptic properties* | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | Colour | Consistency | Texture or feel |
| CF1 | Dark green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF2 | Light green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF3 | Light green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF4 | Dark green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF5 | Light green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF6 | Light green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF7 | Dark green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF8 | Light green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CF9 | Light green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |
| CGF1 | Dark green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF2 | Light green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF3 | Light green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF4 | Dark green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF5 | Light green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF6 | Light green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF7 | Dark green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF8 | Light green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| CGF9 | Light green | Thick gel | Sticky and smooth |
| MS | Green | Gel | Non sticky and smooth |

*All samples were taken in triplicate

The pH of all the developed formulations were within the acceptable range [15], [17] and none of the developed formulations showed the presence of any hard and sharp edged abrasive material. There was a significant change in viscosity, spreadability and extrudability between the formulations (Table-5, 6, 7 and 8). Formulations with 7% carrageenan gel base was observed to be having higher viscosity and hence, poor spreadability and extrudability compared to the formulation with 4% chitosan gel base.

TABLE V
ORGANOLEPTIC PROPERTIES OF THE FORMULATIONS

| Formulation code | Spindle No | rpm | *Viscosity (cps) | Torque % |
|------------------|------------|-----|------------------|-------------|
| CF1 | 63 | 20 | 12608 | 94.2 ± 0.10 |
| | | 50 | 12576 | 96.3 ± 0.68 |
| | | 100 | 12530 | 96.5 ± 0.53 |
| CF2 | 63 | 20 | 11867 | 95.6 ± 0.42 |
| | | 50 | 11765 | 96.4 ± 0.41 |
| | | 100 | 11632 | 96.8 ± 0.23 |
| CF3 | 63 | 20 | 11936 | 96.2 ± 0.18 |
| | | 50 | 11878 | 96.4 ± 0.42 |
| | | 100 | 11666 | 96.8 ± 0.63 |
| CF4 | 63 | 20 | 12364 | 94.4 ± 0.62 |
| | | 50 | 12228 | 95.6 ± 0.46 |
| | | 100 | 12113 | 96.6 ± 0.18 |
| CF5 | 63 | 20 | 12835 | 94.6 ± 0.21 |
| | | 50 | 12665 | 94.8 ± 0.36 |
| | | 100 | 12334 | 95.6 ± 0.32 |
| CF6 | 63 | 20 | 11876 | 95.4 ± 0.81 |
| | | 50 | 11543 | 96.4 ± 0.62 |
| | | 100 | 11435 | 96.8 ± 0.52 |
| CF7 | 63 | 20 | 11984 | 95.2 ± 0.65 |
| | | 50 | 11864 | 96.4 ± 0.55 |
| | | 100 | 11456 | 96.6 ± 0.43 |
| CF8 | 63 | 20 | 12889 | 92.6 ± 0.55 |
| | | 50 | 12654 | 94.8 ± 0.43 |
| | | 100 | 11376 | 95.2 ± 0.39 |
| CF9 | 63 | 20 | 12367 | 94.3 ± 0.16 |
| | | 50 | 12234 | 95.2 ± 0.26 |
| | | 100 | 12211 | 95.8 ± 0.22 |

* All samples were taken in triplicate

TABLE VI
VISCOSITY OF THE FORMULATIONS CONTAINING 7% CARRAGEENAN GEL BASE

| Formulation code | Spindle No | rpm | *Viscosity (cps) | Torque % |
|------------------|------------|-----|------------------|-----------|
| CGF1 | 63 | 20 | 16996 | 70 ± 0.71 |
| | | 50 | 14335 | 72 ± 0.92 |
| | | 100 | 14234 | 76 ± 0.86 |
| CGF2 | 63 | 20 | 16667 | 71 ± 0.45 |
| | | 50 | 15443 | 73 ± 0.66 |
| | | 100 | 15322 | 74 ± 0.31 |
| CGF3 | 63 | 20 | 15886 | 73 ± 0.86 |
| | | 50 | 15667 | 75 ± 0.81 |
| | | 100 | 15443 | 76 ± 0.42 |
| CGF4 | 63 | 20 | 16984 | 70 ± 0.84 |
| | | 50 | 16354 | 71 ± 0.64 |
| | | 100 | 16234 | 74 ± 0.48 |
| CGF5 | 63 | 20 | 16543 | 71 ± 0.58 |
| | | 50 | 16234 | 74 ± 0.93 |
| | | 100 | 16133 | 75 ± 0.82 |
| CGF6 | 63 | 20 | 15998 | 72 ± 0.13 |
| | | 50 | 15344 | 73 ± 0.24 |
| | | 100 | 15233 | 75 ± 0.19 |
| CGF7 | 63 | 20 | 16775 | 70 ± 0.26 |
| | | 50 | 16554 | 72 ± 0.35 |
| | | 100 | 16222 | 74 ± 0.49 |
| CGF8 | 63 | 20 | 15997 | 72 ± 0.29 |
| | | 50 | 15433 | 73 ± 0.88 |
| | | 100 | 15222 | 75 ± 0.92 |
| CGF9 | 63 | 20 | 16778 | 71 ± 0.32 |
| | | 50 | 15998 | 72 ± 0.45 |
| | | 100 | 15886 | 74 ± 0.56 |

* All samples were taken in triplicate

TABLE VII
SPREADABILITY OF THE FORMULATIONS

| Formulation code | Time taken to slide (seconds) | Spreadability* |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| CF1 | 4.2 | 28.57 ± 0.39 |
| CF2 | 5.1 | 23.53 ± 0.35 |
| CF3 | 4.6 | 26.09 ± 0.32 |
| CF4 | 4.2 | 28.57 ± 0.38 |
| CF5 | 4.7 | 25.53 ± 0.29 |
| CF6 | 5.2 | 23.08 ± 0.23 |
| CF7 | 5.5 | 21.82 ± 0.33 |
| CF8 | 5.1 | 23.53 ± 0.22 |
| CF9 | 5.5 | 21.82 ± 0.31 |
| CGF1 | 59.2 | 2.03 ± 0.08 |
| CGF2 | 56.5 | 2.12 ± 0.09 |
| CGF3 | 57.8 | 2.08 ± 0.05 |
| CGF4 | 56.6 | 2.12 ± 0.04 |
| CGF5 | 52.2 | 2.29 ± 0.06 |
| CGF6 | 60.2 | 1.99 ± 0.02 |
| CGF7 | 54.2 | 2.21 ± 0.03 |
| CGF8 | 56.5 | 2.12 ± 0.01 |
| CGF9 | 52.2 | 2.29 ± 0.09 |
| MS | 4.4 | 27.27 ± 0.05 |

*All Samples were taken in triplicate

TABLE VIII
EXTRUDABILITY OF THE FORMULATIONS

| Formulation code | Extrudability* |
|------------------|----------------|
| CF1 | ++++ |
| CF2 | ++++ |
| CF3 | ++++ |
| CF4 | ++++ |
| CF5 | ++++ |
| CF6 | ++++ |
| CF7 | ++++ |
| CF8 | ++++ |
| CF9 | ++++ |
| CGF1 | + |
| CGF2 | + |
| CGF3 | + |
| CGF4 | + |
| CGF5 | + |
| CGF6 | + |
| CGF7 | + |
| CGF8 | + |
| CGF9 | + |
| MS | ++++ |

* ++++ Excellent, +++ Good, ++ Satisfactory, + Poor

* All samples were taken in triplicate

Irrespective of the gelling agent used, the formulations exhibited different foaming (Table-9) and cleaning ability (Fig. 2, 3 and 4).

TABLE IX
FOAMING ABILITY OF THE FORMULATIONS

| Formulation Code | Volume of water (V1) | Volume of foam with water (V2) | Foaming ability* (V2-V1) |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CF1 | 30 | 34 | 4 ± 1.00 |
| CF2 | 30 | 39 | 9 ± 1.52 |
| CF3 | 30 | 40 | 10 ± 1.00 |
| CF4 | 30 | 32 | 2 ± 1.20 |
| CF5 | 30 | 39 | 9 ± 0.50 |
| CF6 | 30 | 41 | 11 ± 0.62 |
| CF7 | 30 | 33 | 3 ± 1.23 |
| CF8 | 30 | 39 | 9 ± 1.00 |
| CF9 | 30 | 41 | 11 ± 1.34 |
| CGF1 | 30 | 32 | 2 ± 0.56 |
| CGF2 | 30 | 39 | 9 ± 0.88 |
| CGF3 | 30 | 40 | 10 ± 0.76 |
| CGF4 | 30 | 33 | 3 ± 0.77 |
| CGF5 | 30 | 39 | 9 ± 1.33 |
| CGF6 | 30 | 40 | 10 ± 1.26 |
| CGF7 | 30 | 32 | 2 ± 0.50 |
| CGF8 | 30 | 34 | 9 ± 0.46 |
| CGF9 | 30 | 40 | 10 ± 1.50 |
| MS | 30 | 40 | 10 ± 0.56 |

*All samples were taken in triplicate



Fig. 2. Coloured egg for evaluation

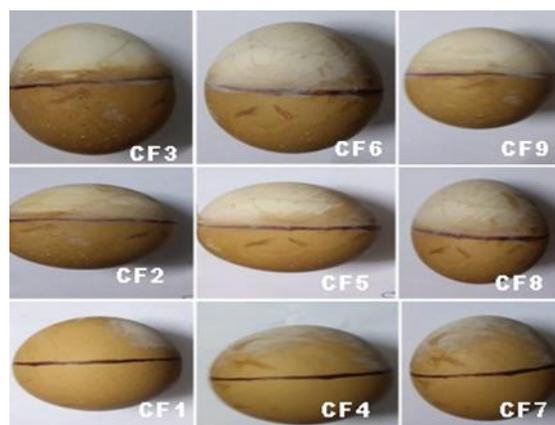


Fig. 3. Cleaning ability of formulations containing 4% chitosan gel base

The *in vitro* antimicrobial evaluation of developed formulations indicated that all the developed formulas with 4% chitosan and 7% carrageenan gel base showed activity against both *E coli* (ATCC 25922) and *C albicans* (ATCC 10231). Among the formulations, CF9 produced maximum zone of inhibition against both of the test microorganisms (Table-10, Fig. 5)

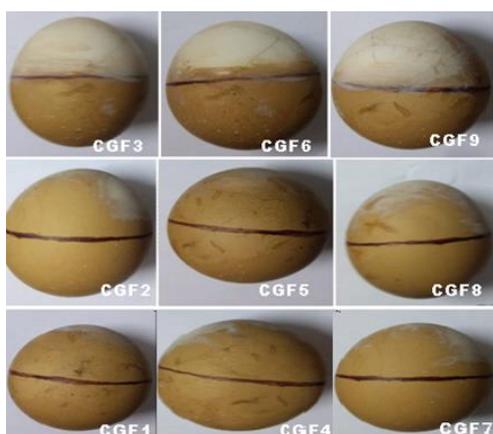


Fig. 4. Cleaning ability of formulations containing 7% carrageenan gel base

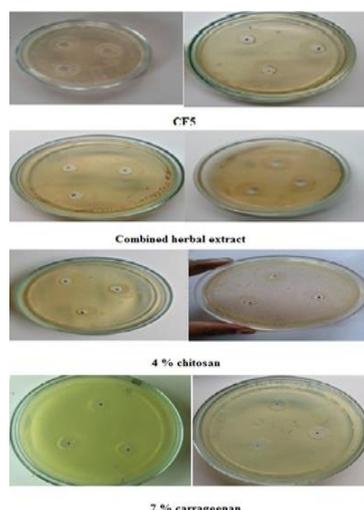


Fig. 5. In vitro antimicrobial activity of the formulations

TABLE X
 IN VITRO ANTIMICROBIAL TEST ON TOOTH GEL FORMULATIONS

| Formulation code | *Zone of inhibition for <i>E coli</i> (mm) | *Zone of inhibition for <i>C albicans</i> (mm) |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| CF1 | 4.5 ± 0.10 | 5 ± 0.10 |
| CF2 | 5 ± 0.15 | 5.5 ± 0.10 |
| CF3 | 6 ± 0.23 | 6.5 ± 0.10 |
| CF4 | 6 ± 0.22 | 7.5 ± 0.10 |
| CF5 | 9 ± 0.26 | 9 ± 0.10 |
| CF6 | 5 ± 0.36 | 4 ± 0.10 |
| CF7 | 4.5 ± 0.24 | 4.5 ± 0.10 |
| CF8 | 4 ± 0.12 | 6 ± 0.10 |
| CF9 | 8.5 ± 0.26 | 8.5 ± 0.10 |
| CGF1 | 3 ± 0.18 | 3.5 ± 0.10 |
| CGF2 | 3.5 ± 0.26 | 4 ± 0.10 |
| CGF3 | 4.5 ± 0.12 | 5 ± 0.10 |
| CGF4 | 6.5 ± 0.26 | 7 ± 0.10 |
| CGF5 | 8 ± 0.14 | 8.5 ± 0.10 |
| CGF6 | 3.5 ± 0.18 | 4.5 ± 0.10 |
| CGF7 | 3 ± 0.24 | 3 ± 0.10 |
| CGF8 | 4.5 ± 0.12 | 5.5 ± 0.10 |
| CGF9 | 7 ± 0.16 | 8.5 ± 0.10 |
| MS | 3.5 ± 0.10 | 4 ± 0.10 |
| 4% chitosan gel base | 4 ± 0.12 | 3.5 ± 0.16 |
| 7% carrageenan gel base | - | - |
| Combined herbal extract | 6 ± 0.12 | 6.5 ± 0.24 |

*All samples were taken in triplicate

Based on the results of one month accelerated stability studies on the developed formulations, the formulations CF1-CF9 with 4% chitosan gel base exhibited the properties that are mandatory for a good tooth gel (Table-11, 12).

TABLE XI
 ACCELERATED STABILITY STUDIES OF FORMULATIONS WITH 4% CHITOSAN GEL BASE

| Formulation code | *Evaluation parameters (After one month) | | | | |
|------------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Colour | Consistency | pH | Viscosity | Extrudability |
| CF1 | Dark green | Gel | 6.6 ± 0.28 | No change | ++++ |
| CF2 | Light green | Gel | 6.5 ± 0.30 | No change | ++++ |
| CF3 | Light green | Gel | 6.6 ± 0.42 | No change | ++++ |
| CF4 | Dark green | Gel | 6.6 ± 0.22 | No change | ++++ |
| CF5 | Light green | Gel | 6.8 ± 0.36 | No change | ++++ |
| CF6 | Light green | Gel | 6.7 ± 0.18 | No change | ++++ |
| CF7 | Dark green | Gel | 6.5 ± 0.46 | No change | ++++ |
| CF8 | Light green | Gel | 6.4 ± 0.24 | No change | ++++ |
| CF9 | Light green | Gel | 6.5 ± 0.82 | No change | ++++ |

*All samples were taken in triplicate

TABLE XII
 ACCELERATED STABILITY STUDIES OF FORMULATIONS WITH 7% CARRAGEENAN GEL BASE

| Formulation code | *Evaluation parameters (After one month) | | | | |
|------------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Colour | Consistency | pH | Viscosity | Extrudability |
| CGF1 | Dark green | Hard gel | 6.9 ± 0.12 | Increased | + |
| CGF2 | Light green | Hard gel | 7.1 ± 0.22 | Increased | + |
| CGF3 | Light green | Hard gel | 7.2 ± 0.43 | Increased | + |
| CGF4 | Dark green | Hard gel | 7.4 ± 0.32 | Increased | + |
| CGF5 | Light green | Hard gel | 7.2 ± 0.21 | Increased | + |
| CGF6 | Light green | Hard gel | 7.1 ± 0.14 | Increased | + |
| CGF7 | Dark green | Hard gel | 6.9 ± 0.16 | Increased | + |
| CGF8 | Light green | Hard gel | 7.1 ± 0.22 | Increased | + |
| CGF9 | Light green | Hard gel | 7.1 ± 0.12 | Increased | + |

*All samples were taken in triplicate

IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

From the evaluation studies performed over the developed tooth gel formulations, it was found out that the formulations containing 4% chitosan gel base had superiority in almost all the characteristics that are mandatory for a good tooth gel. Hence, the formulations CF1-CF9 containing 4% chitosan gel base was found to be better as compared to the formulations CGF1-CGF9 that contained 7% carrageenan gel base. The formulated tooth gels may be safer compared to fully synthetic tooth pastes and further studies are warranted to prove safety and efficacy of the formulated tooth gels.

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