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Formulation and Evaluation of Herbal Anti-Dandruff Shampoo

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Abstract

Dandruff is a common disorder caused by Pityrosporum yeast which affects the scalp condition. Dandruff cannot be eradicated completely but can only be managed and controlled effectively. Preparation of Herbal shampoo using the extract of Amla powder, Hibiscus (leaf), Bhringraj, Reetha, Neem, Shikakai, and Aloe gel, etc in different quantities. Evaluation of herbal shampoo conducted with Organoleptic and physical-chemical characteristics. These shampoos leverage natural extracts to deliver essential oils and nutrients to the hair follicles, stimulating the formation of new and robust while maintaining a dandruff-free scalp. It showed cleansing and detergency, low surface tension, good foam, stability, and anti-dandruff properties. The pH of herbal shampoo was found to be around 6.4 which is good for the scalp. The shampoo was quite a good product fairly producing foams. The shampoo was containing subjected to evaluation parameters such as visual inspection, pH, viscosity, percentage of solids, soil distribution, surface tension, foamability foaming stability. The primary objective of this research was to remove the detrimental synthetic component from the anti-dandruff shampoo formulation and substitute it with a secure natural ingredient.

Keywords: Herbal Shampoo; Dandruff-free; Natural Ingredient

Introduction

The most common cosmetic item utilized in our daily lives to clean our hair and scalp is certainly shampoo. Herbal shampoos fall under the category of cosmetic preparations and are primarily used to cleanse the hair and scalp with age-old Ayurvedic herbs [1]. They are primarily used to remove oils, toxins from the environment, dandruff, filth, etc, and nourish your hair easily. Herbal shampoo uses plant-based herbs as an alternative to commercially available synthetic shampoo [2]. Dandruff is a benign, persistent condition that arises when the scalp becomes dry or oily and generates white flakes of dead skin that manifest in the hair or on the shoulders. Although it is inoffensive. But dandruff can be disturbing for those who have it [3].

Causes of Dandruff

- Malassezia: A fungus that naturally lives on the scalp, but can overgrow and lead to dandruff in some people.
- Diet: A poor diet lacking in certain nutrients, such as zinc, vitamin B, and omega-3 fatty acids, can contribute to dandruff
 [4].
- Stress: Stress can weaken the immune system and lead to an increase in dandruff.
- **Seborrheic Dermatitis:** An inflammatory skin condition that affects areas rich in oil glands, like the scalp [5].
- **Hormonal Changes**: Hormonal fluctuations, such as those that occur during puberty, pregnancy, or menstruation, can trigger dandruff [6].
- Genetics: Some people may be genetically predisposed to having a more oily or dry scalp, which can influence dandruff
 [7].

Symptoms of Dandruff

- Flakes of dead skin appear on the scalp and in the hair.
- Itchy scalp.
- Dryness or greasiness of the scalp.
- Redness or irritation of the scalp [8].
- Flakes may be visible on clothing or shoulders.
- The scalp may feel tight or uncomfortable.
- Sometimes accompanied by mild hair loss [9].

Benefits of herbal shampoo

- Nourishing
- Cleansing
- Hydrating
- Balancing
- Antioxidant
- Eco-friendly [10]

Material and Methods

Following herbal ingredients are used in the formulation of herbal shampoo [11].

Table 1: List of Herbal Ingredients

S. No.	Ingredients	
01.	Amla Extract	
02.	Bhringraj Extract	
03.	Reetha Extract	
04.	Hibiscus	
05.	Shikakai extract	
06.	Neem	
07.	Aloe gel	
08.	Activated Charcol	
09.	Rose Water	
10.	HPMC (hydroxypropyl methylcellulose)	

Description of herbal ingredients of herbal shampoo [11,12].

Table 2: Description of Herbal ingredient.

S. No.	Ingredient	Biological source	Uses
1.	Amla extract	Dried fruits of Em- belica officinalis	Hair growth promoters, Make hair darker
2.	Bhringraj extract	Dried leaf of Eclipta alba	Prevent Alopecia of hair
3.	Reetha extract	Dried fruits of Sapin- dus mukorossi	Removing dandruff from the scalp and controlling hair fall
4.	Hibiscus	Dried leaves and flow- er of Hibiscus rosea	Colouring agent, Conditioning agent, foam base and Anti-dandruff
5.	Shikakai extract	Dried fruit of Acacia concinna	Promotes hair develop- ment and foam base
6.	Neem extract	Dried leaves of Azadi- rachta indica	Antidandruff
7.	Aloe	Fresh leaves of Aloe vera	Conditioning agent and hair growth promoter
8.	Rose water	Distillation of fresh pellets of Rosa centi- folia	Provide moisture and strengthen the hair follicles

Formulation table

Table 3: Formulation table for herbal shampoo [13].

S. No.	Ingredient	Part of plant (used)	Quantity taken
01.	Amla Extract	Powder	10 gm
02.	Bhringraj extract	Leaf	5 gm
03.	Reetha extract	Powder	20 gm
04.	Hibiscus	Leaf	10 gm
05.	Shikakai extract	Powder	5 gm
06.	Neem extract	Leaf	10 gm
07.	Aloe	Leaf	20 gm
08.	Activated Charcoal		q.s.
09.	Rose water	Flower	q.s.
10.	НРМС		q.s.

Preparation of herbal shampoo Method of preparation of extract

Weigh Herbal Ingredients.

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Powder Material was Extracted with one part of distilled water by boiling for 1 hour.



Filter it with filter paper.



Collect the Filtrate.14





Figure 1: Extract.

Method of preparation herbal shampoo

Mix all herbal extracts.



Add thickening agent.



Add rose water & activated charcoal



Final formulation made up the

volume to 100 ml with hpmc. 14,15



Figure 2: Final herbal shampoo formulation.

Evaluation

To evaluate and prepared formulations, several quality control tests including visual assessment, physicochemical controls conditioning performance tests were performed [16].

- Appearance The transparency, odor, foaming ability and color of the prepared product were evaluated.
- pH determination The shampoo solution prepared in distilled water was measured at room temperature using a pH meter [15].

- Viscosity Viscosity of herbal shampoo was measured using a viscometer. 10 ml of shampoo is placed in a beaker, and a spindle is immersed in it for approximately 5 minutes. Subsequently, a measurement is obtained.
- Foaming and foaming stability The entire amount of foaming after shaking for 1 min was recorded. The volume of foam is calculated. Immediately after shaking, the amount of foam shake was recorded at 1 min intervals for 4 min.
- Skin irritation Skin irritation can be verify by applying a some amount of product to the skin and check after some minutes for local irritation or inflammatory reactions [18].

Result

Table 4: Result.

S. No.	Parameters	Observed Value
1.	Colour	Light-Black
2.	Clarity	Clear and Good
3.	рН	6.4
4.	Viscosity	12992
5.	Skin irritation	No irritation on skin
6.	Foaming ability and Foaming stability	50 ml

Conclusion

The formulated herbal anti-dandruff shampoo offers a promising solution to the persistent issue of dandruff, leveraging the power of natural ingredients to provide effective relief. Through meticulous research and development, this shampoo combines a blend of botanical extracts known for their anti-fungal and anti-inflammatory properties, targeting the root cause of dandruff while soothing the scalp. Its gentle yet potent formula not only eliminates existing flakes but also prevents their recurrence, promoting a healthier scalp environment. The formulated herbal anti-dandruff shampoo stands as a testament to the effectiveness of herbal remedies in combating common scalp issues. With its gentle yet powerful formulation, it offers a holistic approach to dandruff management, providing users with confidence and comfort in their hair care routine.

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