

Development and Evaluation of Anti – Aging Herbal Cream a Comprehensive Review

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Abstract: *Anti-aging herbal creams are used to improve the skin's appearance by reducing dark spots, softening the skin, and helping to cleanse and tighten pores. Similar to cold cream or vanishing cream, these products are designed to nourish and hydrate the skin. They work by providing soothing and moisturizing effects, which can help promote smoother and brighter skin. These creams typically include various ingredients that target specific concerns like dark spots, wrinkles, and other signs of aging.*

There are many types of creams available, from lighter options for daytime use to heavier creams for deep hydration or night treatments. The main purpose of an anti-aging herbal cream is to reduce the appearance of dark spots, giving the skin a more youthful and even tone

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INTRODUCTION

Anti-aging creams are skincare products primarily based on moisturizers. They promise to help users look younger by reducing the visible signs of skin aging. These beauty products are designed to protect the skin from harmful elements and improve its appearance. Using anti-aging creams not only enhances one's outer beauty but also promotes healthier skin by addressing various skin concerns. [1] An anti-getting old cream is usually made by way of Vit C and Vit A. [2]

Skin aging is the result of ongoing damage to cellular DNA and proteins. It can be categorized into two

types: "Sequential Skin Aging" and "Photo Aging," each with distinct clinical and historical features. Chronological skin aging is a natural, predictable process marked by changes in skin function over time. As we age, keratinocytes lose their ability to produce a healthy stratum corneum, and the production of neutral lipids slows down. This leads to wrinkles and dry, pale skin. [3]

Skin aging is a complex biological process shaped by a combination of internal (intrinsic) and external (extrinsic) factors. Internal factors include genetics, cellular metabolism, hormones, and metabolic processes, while external factors involve chronic sun exposure, pollution, radiation, chemicals, and toxins. These factors work together, causing gradual structural and physiological changes in each layer of the skin, which ultimately affect its appearance, particularly in areas exposed to the sun. [4-14]

Formulation of Cream:

An Oil-in-Water (O/W) emulsion-based cream was prepared by first dissolving the emulsifier (Beeswax) and other oil-soluble ingredients (Liquid paraffin) in the oil phase (Part A), then heating it to 75°C. Separately, the preservatives (Methyl paraben) and water-soluble ingredients (Glycerin, Borax) were dissolved in the aqueous phase (Part B) and also heated to 75°C. After both phases were heated, the aqueous phase was gradually added to the oil phase in small portions while stirring constantly. This process was continued for 2 minutes, ensuring constant stirring. Afterward, the mixture was removed from

the heat and stirred until it cooled, resulting in a smooth cream [15] The formula for the cream is given in Table no. 1

Table No. 1: Formulation of Herbal Anti-Aging Cream

Table No. 2: Herbal Ingredients:

Synthetic Ingredients

Table no. 1

| Ingredients | Category | formula |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Carica papaya seeds extract | Anti-aging | 1 ml |
| Beeswax | Emulsifiers +Base | 3.5 gm |
| Liquid Paraffin | Lubricating Agent | 15ml |
| Borax | Alkaline agent | 0.4gm |
| Glycerin | Humectant, Moisturising agent | 1 ml |
| Methyl Paraben | Preservative | 0.04 gm |
| Rose Oil | Perfume | 2-3 drops |
| Water | Vehicle | Q.S |

Herbal Ingredients:

Table no. 2

| Ingredients | Fig.no. |
|-------------|------------|
| Pepper Mint | Fig .no. 1 |
| Pomegranate | Fig.no. 2 |
| Aloe Vera | Fig.no. 3 |
| Coconut Oil | Fig.no. 4 |
| Tulsi | Fig.no.5 |
| Ginseng | Fig.no. 6 |

Pepper Mint:

Family : Labiatae

Botanical name : Mentha pipertia L.

Parts used : Leaves & whole plant



Fig. No -1: Pepper Mint

Chemical constituents:

Menthol, Menthone, Menthyl acetate, Menthofuran, 1,8-cineol, Limonene, Pilegone, Caryophyllene, Pinene, Eriocitrin, Hesperidin[16]

Mechanism of action:

Peppermint oil behaves as a smooth muscle relaxant by blocking the calcium channel. Menthol is the major ingredient in peppermint oil. Regulate visceral sensation: pepper oil (menthol) is often used as a topical analgesic, and when taken orally, it reduces visceral discomfort. Peppermint oil has antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral properties that are beneficial to select anaerobes. Regulate immune system: Menthol suppresses the release of inflammatory mediators in human monocytes, indicating that it has anti-inflammatory

Pharmacokinetics: Absorption: Because peppermint oil (menthol) is highly fat soluble, it absorbs quickly into the proximal intestine after intake.

Metabolism: Menthol is mostly metabolised in the liver, with simple glucuronides and oxidation products as metabolites.

Excretion: Menthol is mostly eliminated in the bile, although it is also excreted in the kidneys and faeces.[17]

Uses:

- Cough
- Reduces spasm
- It protect from gingivitis
- In migraine headache
- Sore throat
- Help in healing of ulcer
- Kill parasites

Side Effects:

- Severe burning
- Burning sensation on skin
- Heart burn
- Allergic reaction (mouth sore)

- Nervousness

2. Pomegranate:

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Botanical Name | : Punica Granatum |
| Kingdom | : Plantae (angiosperms) |
| Order | : Myrtales |
| Family | : Lythraceae |
| Genus | : Punica |
| Species | : Pgranatum [18] |



Fig. No -2: Pomegranate

Chemical Constituents: Anthocyanins, Quercetin, Gallic acid, Asistic acid, Rutin, Punicic acid, Flavones, Punicating.[19]

Mechanism of Action: Pomegranate ellagitannins interact with gut microflora, killing acute and chronic intestinal disorders. Punicalagins stimulate the peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPARs), which inhibit the development of pathogens such as staphylococcus aureus, clostridia species, and pseudomonas aeruginosa. Pomegranates stimulate the PPAR β/δ , PPAR α and PPAR γ receptors, which help to reduce obesity and insulin resistance. Activation of PPAR, which suppresses the transcription of pro-inflammatory molecules, has an anti-inflammatory impact. Cox 2 has anti-cancer properties via the NF-kB and MAPK pathways.[20]

Uses:

- Sore throats
- Digestive disorder
- Tape worms

- Prostate cancer

- Diabetes
- Arthritis
- Osteoarthritis
- Urinary infection
- Free radical scavengers

Side Effects:

- Itching
- Swelling
- Runny nose
- Difficulty breathing

3. Aloe Vera:

| | |
|----------|--------------------|
| Kingdom | : Plantae |
| Order | : Asparagales |
| Division | : Spermatophyta |
| Class | : Monocotyledoneae |
| Family | : Liliaceae |
| Genus | : Aloe [21] |



Fig. No.-3: Aloe Vera

Chemical Constituents & Active Components:

Vitamins- Vit-A, C , E,B1, B2, B6 and B12

Enzymes- Aliiase, amylase, oxidase, catalase, lipase

Minerals- Calcium, copper, potassium selenium, chromium

Sugars-Glucose, polymannose, alprogen,

Organic Acids- Salicylic acid sorbate

Antraquinones - Aloin, anthranol, emodin.

Fatty acids & Steroids - Beta-sisosterol, Lupeol, cholesterol

Non-essential amino acid- Arginine, glycine, alanine

Essential aminoacids- Methionine, leucine, lysine

Hormones - Auxins, Gibberellin. [21]

Mechanism of Action:

Anti-aging — Oligoelements such as manganese and selenium produce the antioxidant enzymes glutathione peroxidase and superoxide dismutase, which aid in cellular anti-aging. Healing effect – Gibberlin (growth hormones) and glucomannan (mannose rich polysaccharide) interacts with the receptor of growth factor on fibroblasts, causing collagen production to rise Anti Viral and Anti Tumor – Here by indirect action immune system is stimulated and it's direct action posses by enthraquinones. Anti-Diabetic – Aloe vera gel reduce the free fatty acid, fasting blood glucose tissue cholesterol and increases the plasma insulin levels. [21,22]

Uses:

- Anti-aging
- Antifungal
- Ant oxidant
- Analgesic
- Anticancer
- Hepatoprotective
- Wound healing
- Anti inflammatory

Side Effects:

- Stinging sensation
- Redness

• Red urine

• Abdominal cramps [21,22]

4. Coconut Oil

Kingdom : Plantae

Family : Arecaceae

Order : Arecales

Genus : Cocos L.



Fig. No- 4: Coconut Oil

Species : C. nucifera [23]

Chemical Constituents: Saturated fats: Lauric acid (45% to 52%), Myristic acid (16% to 21%), Palmitic acid (7% to 10%), Caprylic acid (5% to 10%), Capric acid (4% to 8%), Stearic acid (2% to 4%), Caproic acid (0.5% to 1%), Palmitoleic acid (in traces)

Unsaturated fats: Oleic acid (5% to 8%), Linoleic acid (1% to 3%), Linolenic acid (up to 0.2%)

Mechanism of Action with Therapeutic benefits:

Wound Healing Effect: Virgin coconut oil (VCO) increase the wounds healing activity much rapid by decreased the epithilization add on to various levels of tissue of the wound's granulation. Collagen soluble pepsin enhance the VCO thus cross-linking of collagen increase Anti-inflammatory, Antipyretic & Analgesic Effects of VCO: Anti-inflammatory action of VCO is shown by reducing the phosphatase activity, transudative weight, seum alkaline and granuloma formation. Antipyretic action is due to yeast-induced hyperthermia & each analgesic action due to induced of acidic acid. Dermatitis Effect of VCO: In Atopic dermatitis condition the VCO act by decreasing the trans epidermal water loss thus increase the function of epidermal barrier and provide hydration Antioxidant Activity: VCO reduce the

inflammation and lipid peroxidation by increasing the antioxidant enzyme level as it's rich in .polyphenols.

5.Tulsi:

Kingdom : Plantae
Order : Lamiales
Class : Magnoliopsida
Family : Lamiaceae
Genus : Ocimum
Species : O. sanctum [24]



Fig. No- 5: Tulsi

Chemical Constituents & Active Components: Eugenol, methyl eugenol, carvacrol, sesquiterpine hydrocarbon caryophyllene, cirsilineol, rosameric acid, isothymusin, curcimaritin, apigenin.[25]

Mechanism of Action: Skin Care: To treat ringworm and other associated disorders such as leucoderma, a paste made from tulsi leaves is administered to the afflicted region. Tulsi leaves are used to cure chicken pox when applied topically with saffron. **Antioxidant Property:** The antioxidant potential of essential oils produced by steam hydro distillation from Ocimum sanctum was assessed using hypoxanthine xanthine oxidase with OPPH tests based on high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Ocimum sanctum showed significant antioxidant ability in a hypoxanthine xanthine oxidase experiment. **Antifungal:** Methanolic and aqueous fractions of Ocimum sanctum demonstrated antifungal efficacy against dermatophytic fungus such as T. rubrum and others. In comparison to the methanolic fraction, the aqueous fraction had superior anti-dermatophytic efficacy.[26,27]

6. Ginseng:

Kingdom : Plantae
Order : Apiales
Class : Magnoliopsida
Family : Araliaceae
Genus : Panax L.
Species : Panax ginseng [28]



Fig No-6: Ginseng

Chemical Constituents: [17,18] Triterpenoid glycosides, also known as ginsenosides, are the most active components in ginseng. Ginsenosides are divided into two groups: protopanaxadiols (PPD), which include Rb1, Rb2, Rg3, Rh2, Rc, Rd, & Rh3; and protopanaxatriols (PPT), which include Rg1, Rg2, Rh1, Re, & Rf. It also includes saponins, polysaccharides, amino acids, volatile oil, polyacetylenes. [29,30]

Mechanism of Action: Skin elasticity/Collagen: Ginseng can help the skin keep its smoothness by slowing the loss of collagen. "There are so many chemicals in ginseng root," It contains vitamin D & vitamin B12." All of this leads to enhanced oxygen circulation, as well as an increase in collagen formation in the dermis of skin." **Antioxidant and blood circulation:** Ginseng also plays an antioxidant action via Nrf2 and increases the amounts of antioxidant enzymes including superoxide dismutase and glutathione peroxidase. **Neuroprotection:** Modulation of the Akt and ERK 1/2 signalling pathways, repression of NF- κ B, control of Ca²⁺ overinflux, shielding against NO excess production, and decrease of the apoptosis-inducing factor. [30,31]

EVALUATION TEST OF CREAM

- 1) **Oganoleptic evaluation:** The cream thus obtained was evaluated for its organoleptic properties like colour, odor, and state. The appearance of the cream was judged by its color and roughness.

- 2) Washability: The cream was applied on the hand and observed under the running.
- 3) Ph of The Cream: The pH meter was calibrated using standard buffer solution. Weigh 0.5 gm of cream dissolved it in 50 ml of distilled water and its pH was measured with the help of digital pH meter.
- 4) Acid value: 10g of the cream was dissolved in 50ml mixture of equal volume of alcohol and solvent ether in a flask. The flask is connected to a reflux condenser and slowly heated, until the sample dissolve completely, to this 1ml of phenolphthalein was added and titrated with 0.1N NaOH, until faintly pink colour appears after shaking for 30sec. Acid value= $n \times 5.61 / w$
Where, n= The number of ml of NaOH required
w = The weight of the cream
- 5) Saponification Value: 2g of the cream was refluxed with 25ml of 0.5N alcoholic KOH for 30min, to this 1ml of phenolphthalein is added and titrated immediately, with 0.5N HCL. Saponification value= $(b-a) \times 28.05 / w$

Where, a= volume of titrant

b= volume of titrate

w= weight of the cream

- 6) Accelerated stability testing: The purpose of stability testing is to provide evidence on how the quality of drug substance or drug product varies with time under the influence of variety of environmental factors such as temperature, humidity and light and enables to recommend storage condition and to predict the shelf life. Stability study for cream was performed at accelerated condition i.e., $40^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ / $75\% \text{RH} \pm 5\% \text{RH}$. The formulations were kept both at room and elevated temperature and observed on 0,5th, 10th, 15th and 20th day for the various parameters. [32]
- 7) Irritancy test: Mark an area (1sq.cm) on the left-hand dorsal surface. The cream was applied to the specified area and time was noted. Irritancy, erythema, edema, was checked if any for regular intervals up to 24hours and reported
- 8) Homogeneity: The formulations were tested for homogeneity by visual appearance and by touch.[33]
- 9) Test for Microbial Growth:
Agar media was prepared then the formulated cream was inoculated on the plate's agar media by steak plate method and a controlled is prepared by omitting the cream. The plates were placed in the incubator and are incubated in 37 C

for 24 hours. After the incubation period, the plates were taken out and the microbial growth were checked and compared with the control. [34]

- 10) Spreadability Test: Spread ability of formulated cream was measured by placing sample in between two slides then compressed to uniform thickness by placing a definite weight for defined time. The specified time required to separate the two slides was measured as spread ability. Lesser the time taken for separation of two slides results showed better spread ability. Spread ability was calculated by the following formula.[26]
 $\text{Spreadability} = m \times l / T$ Where, m = weight tied to the upper slide (30g), l =length of glass slide (5cm), t =time taken in seconds. (10 sec). [35]
- 11) Phase Separation: The prepared cream was transferred in a suitable wide mouth container. Set aside for storage the oil phase and aqueous phase separation were visualizing after 24 hours.[36]

Ideal Properties of Herbal Cold Cream

1. It should not normally be diluted.
2. The pH of the cold cream must be optimum from 4.6–6.0
3. Its consistency should be optimum so that it can be easily put out from the container and apply easily.
4. Should give a cooling effect on the skin after external application.
5. It must provide a thin waxy protective layer on the skin to protect the water evaporation from the skin surface.
6. Should give a faster emollient effect, so that very dry skin can swell up and become soft within a short time.
7. Less greasy than ointment and Easily spread on the skin.
8. It should be physically and chemically stable throughout its shelf-life.
9. The excipients should be compatible with each other. It should be sterile [37,38]

Usage of Anti-aging cream

- Use anti-getting old creams to moisturize,
- brighten,
- tighten, and lift up your sagging skin,
- specifically the skin around your eyes and neck. those potions do not have artificial colourings, scents, and parabens.

- The moisturizing impact of those lotions will work wonders on males and females' skin. [39]

Some Incredible benefits of using anti-aging creams

- Pores and pores and skin Tightening and Hydration
- Benefit pores and pores and skin Radiance
- Will increase your self-confidence
- Advantageous impact to your fitness
- Prevents the occurrence of age spots and discoloration
- It saves you from highly-priced dermal techniques. [39]

CONCLUSION

Human skin is constantly exposed to harmful UV radiation from sunlight, leading to various harmful effects such as uneven pigmentation, wrinkles, loss of elasticity, dryness, and roughness. To combat these signs of aging, herbal remedies have emerged as a natural and effective solution. This review focused on five key herbs in each category, highlighting their therapeutic properties and chemical components responsible for their anti-aging benefits. However, the wealth of natural resources available demands further exploration. Future research should identify and evaluate additional herbs with potential anti-aging properties, unlocking their medicinal potential and promoting healthier, more youthful skin."

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