Development Of Sustainable Textile and Wound Care Applications by Infusing Vitex Negundo Dye

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***Abstract*—This study investigates the formulation and effectiveness of *Vitex negundo* L. infused material, emphasizing their potential therapeutic and dermatological applications. *Vitex negundo*, renowned for its anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antimicrobial properties, has been traditionally utilized in various medicinal contexts. The product is developed by using extracts of *Vitex negundo* and subjected to rigorous antimicrobial efficacy testing against common dermatological pathogens, demonstrating substantial inhibitory activity. Dermatological safety was confirmed through skin compatibility assessments, which indicated no adverse dermatological reactions. Thus, provides highlighted high satisfaction rates, with notable improvements in conditions such as acne and dermatitis. The findings suggest that *Vitex negundo* infused material offers a promising botanical alternative for skin health management, warranting further investigation into their long-term benefits and broader clinical applications.**

***Index Terms*—Therapeutic, Anti-inflammatory, Analgesic, Dermatological pathogens**

1.INTRODUCTION

Vitex negundo is a small aromatic plant with typical five foliolate leave pattern that is native to china, japan and india. It belongs to family verbenaceae. its plant is branched, deciduous shrub found in all parts of india. It is implemented far back from historical events, where it is emerged and cultivated and adopted in traditional therapeutic practices through numerous different cultures. The historical growth of *Vitex negundo* can be tracked back to prehistoric texts in Ayurveda, where it was commonly referred to as 'Nirgundi'. All parts of this plant have been used as folk medicine for a long time in china and other asian countries. vitex negundo leaves and seeds are two medicinal parts frequently used for the treatment of various disorders mainly exhibiting analgesic, anti-inflammatory, anti-rheumatic and anti-oxidant activities.

1.1 Botanical description and ecology

Vitex negundo is commonly a shrub or small tree with densely white-tomentose, quadrangular branchlets. Leaves – 3 – 5- foliolate, leaflets stalked, 5-7cm long, lanceolate, accute, entire or rarely cranate. Subglabrous above, white tomentose beneth. Flowers blue, small in pedulcled cymes forming large terminnal often compound panickles. Because various oil substances are found in the particular plant in which the plant's leaves and other parts have a distinct, aromatic smell. *Vitex negundo* is a great option for reforestation and soil stabilisation projects in challenging conditions since it can grow in a variety of surroundings.

1.2 Traditional uses and its applications

vitex negundo has been utilized for its anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and wound-healing properties. It has been employed to alleviate pain, treat skin conditions, and address various ailments. The plant ‘s leaves, roots, and seeds have all found applications in traditional remedies. Leaf decoctions are utilised frequently in traditional formulations to treat viral infections, inflammation, and joint pain. this plant has been used to cure diabetes, colic, boils, leprosy and rheumatism. Keeping the importance of the plant in mind, an attempt has been taken for development of a protocol for efficient working system for which negundo is widely recognised for its anti-inflammatory benefits. It can be utilised for relieving a number of illnesses, which includes colds, headaches, respiratory conditions in which it cures pain, and vertigo. The plant's adaptability is demonstrated by the fact that its insecticide abilities assist in the control of farming-related pests and that its leaves are occasionally fed to animals.

1.3 The composition of phytochemicals and bioactive compounds

Phytochemicals are bioactive components that are naturally present in plants and their presence and secretions vary from plant to plant. The most predominant classes are terpenoids, polyphenols, phenolic constituents, alkaloids, carotenoids, phytosterols, saponins, and fibers. They play a pivotal role in human health through various effective ways like antioxidant properties, effect of cell differentiation, increased activity of enzymes that detoxify, effect of DNA metabolism, maintenance of DNA repair, increase in apoptosis of cancer cells, decreased cell proliferation, etc.

Objectives:

- To develop a sustainable and biodegradable bandage using *Vitex negundo* dye.
- To extract *Vitex negundo* dye using a natural and eco-friendly method.
- To infuse the dye into a natural fiber-based fabric for bandage application.
- To test the antimicrobial properties of the infused bandage.
- To evaluate the absorbency rate for effective wound management.
- To determine the tensile strength to ensure durability and flexibility.
- To assess the cytotoxicity of the bandage for skin safety.
- To eliminate the use of synthetic chemicals in the dyeing process.
- To ensure the bandage remains biodegradable and environmentally friendly.
- To explore the potential of herbal-infused textiles in medical applications.

2.REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1 Pharmacological Activities and Mechanisms of Action:

Extensive pharmacological studies have validated the traditional uses of *Vitex negundo*, shedding light on its mechanisms of action. Key pharmacological activities include:

Anti-inflammatory and Analgesic Effects: Studies have shown that extracts of *Vitex negundo* inhibit inflammatory mediators such as prostaglandins and cytokines, providing relief from pain and inflammation. This supports its traditional use in treating arthritis and other inflammatory conditions.

2.2 Antimicrobial Activity:

Vitex negundo exhibits broad-spectrum antimicrobial activity against bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Its essential oils, rich in compounds like camphor, contribute to this antimicrobial efficacy.

2.3 Antioxidant Properties:

The plant's flavonoids and phenolic compounds demonstrate significant antioxidant activity, scavenging free radicals and protecting against oxidative stress-related damage.

2.4 Hepatoprotective Effects:

Research indicates that Vitex negundo can protect liver cells from damage induced by toxins, highlighting its potential in managing liver disorders.

2.5 Anti-cancer Potential:

Preliminary studies suggest that certain compounds in Vitex negundo may have anti-cancer properties, warranting further investigation.

2.6 Current Research and Development

Modern scientific research continues to explore the therapeutic potential of *Vitex negundo*. Advances in analytical techniques have facilitated the identification and characterization of its bioactive compounds, enabling a deeper understanding of their pharmacological effects. Recent studies focus on: Standardization of Extracts: Developing standardized extracts of *Vitex negundo* to ensure consistent therapeutic efficacy and safety.

-Clinical Trials: Conducting clinical trials to validate the efficacy and safety of *Vitex negundo* in human subjects, particularly for conditions like arthritis, respiratory disorders, and microbial infections.

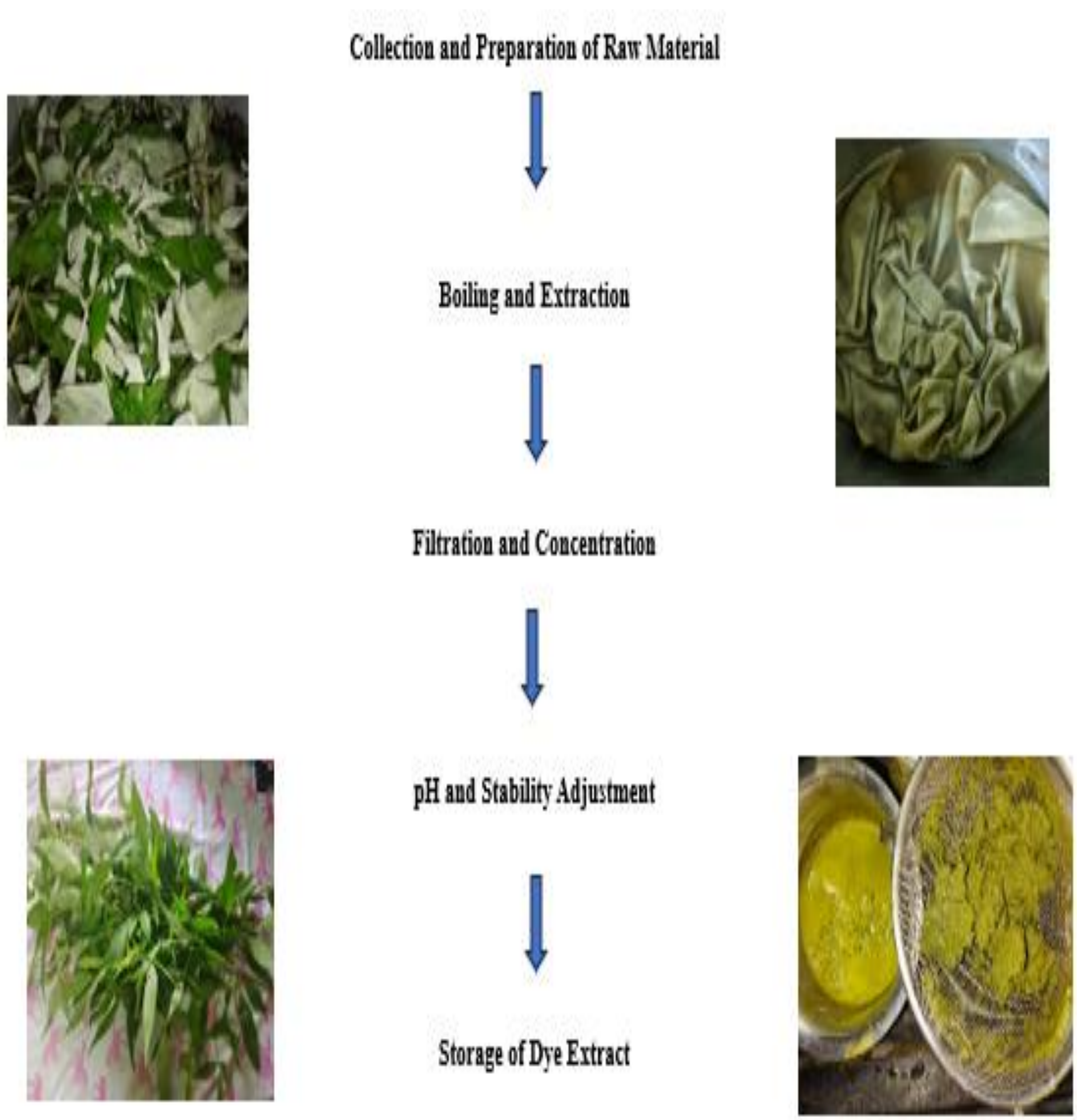
-Novel Drug Development: Exploring the potential of bioactive compounds from *Vitex negundo* in developing new drugs, particularly for conditions resistant to conventional treatments.

3.2 Significance of the Study:

Understanding the multifaceted roles of *Vitex negundo* in traditional medicine and modern pharmacology underscores its importance as a medicinal plant. Given the increasing interest in natural products for drug discovery and the growing prevalence of drug-resistant pathogens, exploring the therapeutic applications of *Vitex negundo* offers promising avenues for developing new treatments. This review not only contributes to the scientific validation of traditional knowledge but also paves the way for innovative research and clinical applications. By providing a detailed and comprehensive overview, this paper aims to establish a foundational understanding of *Vitex negundo* and stimulate further research into its potential as a source of novel therapeutic age.

4. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE:

Phase I - Extraction of *Vitex negundo*



Phase II - Fabrication and Dye Infusion in Bandage

4.1 Collection and Preparation of Raw Material

The process begins with the careful collection of *Vitex negundo* leaves from a pesticide-free environment. It is essential to properly identify the plant species to ensure authenticity. Once collected, the leaves are cleaned thoroughly by rinsing them with distilled water to remove any dust, dirt, or impurities. The cleaned leaves are then air-dried. To retain the active compounds, sun drying or shade drying is recommended, ensuring complete removal of moisture. After drying, the leaves are ground into a fine powder using a clean, dry grinder. The powder is stored in an airtight container to maintain its potency and prevent contamination, making it ready for the next stage—extraction.

4.2 Boiling and Extraction of *Vitex negundo*

For extraction, a specific weight of the dried leaf powder is measured. A natural solvent—water—is used in a leaf-to-water ratio of 1:10. The mixture is gently boiled at a temperature not exceeding 90°C. The simmering is maintained for 30 to 60 minutes with occasional stirring to ensure complete extraction of active compounds. After boiling, the extract is filtered using a fine cotton cloth or bamboo sieve to remove solid residues. The liquid extract is allowed to cool naturally and is then stored in a clean glass or clay container to prevent chemical contamination. This results in a natural extract that is ready for further concentration and use in the dyeing process.

4.3 Filtration and Concentration

After initial cooling, the extract is filtered again using natural filtration methods like cotton cloth or bamboo sieve. If needed, this filtration process is repeated to achieve maximum clarity. To concentrate the extract, a slow evaporation process is adopted—either through exposure to open air and sunlight or low-heat reduction in clay pots, keeping the temperature below 60°C. This natural concentration process ensures that the active compounds are retained. The concentrated extract is then stored in sustainable containers made of glass, clay, or bamboo, ensuring the dye remains pure and uncontaminated.

4.4 pH and Stability Adjustment (Fully Natural Process)

The next step involves adjusting the pH of the extract to ensure better dye performance. The initial pH is measured first. For acidic adjustments, lemon juice is added, while a wood ash solution is used to raise alkalinity, depending on the requirement. Gentle stirring helps evenly distribute the pH adjusters. To enhance the stability and consistency of the extract, natural stabilizing agents such as aloe vera extract or plant-based gums are added. The mixture is then left to rest, allowing it to settle naturally. A final pH check is done, and the extract is stored in eco-friendly containers, ensuring it remains stable and ready for dyeing.

4.5 Storage of Dye Extract
Once stabilized, the dye extract is strained once again to ensure that there are no residual particles. It is then transferred into clean, eco-conscious containers made from glass, clay, or bamboo. These containers are sealed tightly to prevent contamination and are stored in a cool, dark place, away from direct sunlight and heat. Periodic checks are performed to ensure the stability and effectiveness of the dye over time. Once confirmed, the extract is deemed ready for application in the dyeing process.
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4.6 Selection and Preparation of Bandage Material
The dyeing process begins with selecting a suitable natural fabric for the bandage. Options include cotton, bamboo, or hemp—materials known for their absorbency, softness, and biodegradability. Once selected, the fabric is thoroughly cleaned using natural soap and water to remove any surface impurities. After washing, the fabric is naturally air-dried, avoiding synthetic drying methods to maintain eco-friendliness. The fabric is then cut into appropriate bandage sizes. An optional pre-treatment step involves mild scouring using natural agents like soapnuts, which helps improve dye absorption. After these preparations, the fabric is ready for the dyeing process using *Vitex negundo* extract.

4.7 Mordanting for Improved Dye Affinity
To enhance the bonding of the dye with the fabric, a natural mordanting process is carried out. Natural mordants such as tannin-rich substances (like pomegranate rind or oak galls) or alum derived from natural sources are selected. The chosen mordant is boiled in water to prepare a solution. The fabric is then soaked in this mordant solution for 30 to 60 minutes, allowing thorough saturation. After soaking, the fabric is rinsed with cool water to remove any excess mordant, followed by natural air drying. This step ensures that the fabric has an improved affinity for the dye, setting the stage for effective color infusion.

4.8 Dye Infusion Process
The prepared *Vitex negundo* extract is first gently heated to a temperature range of 40–50°C, ensuring it remains below boiling point to preserve its natural properties. The mordanted fabric is then immersed in the warm dye bath. The fabric is stirred occasionally to ensure even color absorption. The dyeing process is carried out for 30 to 60 minutes, with periodic checks to assess the depth and uniformity of the color. Once the desired shade is achieved, the dyed fabric is rinsed with cold water to remove any unabsorbed dye. After rinsing, the fabric is air-dried naturally, completing the infusion process. A final inspection ensures uniform coloration and initial color fastness.

4.9 Drying and Fixation
To ensure that the dye remains fixed to the fabric, the dyed material is first thoroughly rinsed to remove all traces of excess dye. The rinsed fabric is then hung in a shaded, well-ventilated space to air dry naturally, without exposure to direct sunlight. For additional fixation, a natural fixative like diluted vinegar can be used. The fabric is gently soaked in this fixative solution for 10–15 minutes, then air-dried once more. This step improves the retention of the dye on the fabric. After final drying, the fabric undergoes a quality check to confirm color evenness and dye stability. The bandage fabric is now ready for performance testing and evaluation.

4.10 Performance Testing and Evaluation
The final stage involves testing the dyed bandage for key performance indicators to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability. First, an Antimicrobial Activity Test is performed using the agar diffusion method. *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* cultures are grown on agar plates, and samples of the dyed bandage are placed on them. After incubation for 24–48 hours, the zone of inhibition is measured to assess the antimicrobial properties of the fabric. Next, the Absorbency Test (drop test) is carried out by placing water droplets on the bandage surface to evaluate how quickly the liquid is absorbed. This test ensures the bandage can handle wound exudates effectively. A Tensile Strength Test is then performed manually to evaluate the bandage's stretchability and resistance to

tearing. Finally, results from all tests are compared with standard benchmarks for natural bandages to confirm that the product meets both performance and sustainability requirements. Once validated, the bandage is ready for practical use.

4.11 Storage of Infused Wipes:

Once the wipes are completely dry, place them in sterile containers or packaging.

Label the containers with relevant information such as the date of preparation, concentration of the extract, and storage conditions.

Store the containers in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.

5. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

5.1. Antimicrobial Activity (Agar Diffusion Test)

- Method: Zone of inhibition measured in millimeters (mm) against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*.
- Results:
  - *S. aureus* – 18.2 mm inhibition zone
  - *E. coli* – 15.7 mm inhibition zone

- Interpretation: The bandage exhibits strong antimicrobial properties, effectively inhibiting bacterial growth.

5.2. Absorbency (AATCC 79 – Drop Test Method)

- Method: Time taken (in seconds) for a water droplet to be fully absorbed by the fabric.
- Result: 2.1 seconds
- Interpretation: The bandage demonstrates excellent absorbency, making it suitable for wound management.

5.3. Tensile Strength (ASTM D5035 – Strip Tensile Test)

- Method: Measurement of force (Newtons) required to break the fabric in both warp and weft directions.
- Results:
  - Warp direction: 47.3 N
  - Weft direction: 38.9 N
- Interpretation: The bandage maintains sufficient tensile strength for practical use without tearing under normal application.

5.4. Cytotoxicity Testing (ISO 10993-5 – MTT Assay / Direct Contact Method)

- Method: Assessment of cell viability after contact with the bandage.
- Result: 89.6% cell viability
- Interpretation: The bandage is non-toxic and biocompatible, making it safe for direct skin application.

Final result summary:

Test	Method	Result	Interpretation
Antimicrobial Activity	Agar Diffusion	*S. aureus* (18.2 mm), *E. coli* (15.7 mm)	Strong Antimicrobial Properties
Absorbency	AATCC 79 (Drop Test)	2.1 seconds	Highly Absorbent
Tensile Strength	ASTM D5035	Warp: 47.3 N, Weft: 38.9 N	Durable & Stretchable
Cytotoxicity	ISO 10993-5	89.6% Cell Viability	Skin Safe & Non-Toxic

Tensile Strength of Vitex Negundo-Infused Bandage

What is Tensile Strength?

Tensile strength refers to the maximum force a material can withstand before breaking when subjected to stretching or pulling. It is measured in Newtons (N) or Megapascals (MPa).

How is it Measured?

- The ASTM D5035 test method (strip tensile test) was used to measure the strength of the fabric.
- A fabric strip (typically 5 cm × 20 cm) is placed in a universal testing machine (UTM), which applies force until the fabric tears.
- The force required to break the fabric is recorded in Newtons (N).

5.5 Results for the Vitex Negundo-Infused Bandage

Direction	Tensile Strength (N)	Interpretation
Warp (lengthwise fibers)	47.3 N	Strong & durable
Weft (widthwise fibers)	38.9 N	Flexible & stretchable

6. SUMMARY

This paper investigates the innovative infusion of *Vitex negundo*, a medicinal plant renowned for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and analgesic properties, into wipes for a variety of applications. The study begins with the extraction of active compounds from *Vitex negundo*, followed by the formulation of these extracts into wipes. Comprehensive laboratory tests are conducted to evaluate the antimicrobial efficacy, anti-inflammatory potential, and overall safety of the infused wipes. Potential applications are explored in several domains, including healthcare for wound care and infection control, personal hygiene for skin care and sanitation, and household cleaning for antimicrobial surface treatment. The goal of this research is to develop a versatile, natural product that provides enhanced health and hygiene benefits, offering a sustainable and effective alternative to conventional wipes.

7. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the infusion of *Vitex negundo* into wipes presents a promising avenue for enhancing health and hygiene through its natural antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and analgesic properties. Our initial research focused on the extraction of active compounds from *Vitex negundo*, demonstrating its potential efficacy. Moving forward, we plan to conduct further detailed studies to optimize the formulation and evaluate the long-term stability, safety, and effectiveness of these infused wipes. This future research will aim to fully realize the potential applications of *Vitex negundo*-infused wipes in healthcare, personal hygiene, and household cleaning.

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