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Review Article

### NATURAL ORAL CARE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF HERBAL MOUTHWASH

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#### Abstract:

*Oral health is as important as overall health. Today's people will face more oral problems such as gum disease, sore throat, gingivitis, dental plaque, etc. Many models are designed to maintain good oral health. Mouthwashes are recommended to control plaque, bad breath, toothaches, and infections. Herbal mouthwashes are more popular than mouthwashes because they have fewer side effects, are painless, non-toxic, and do not contain alcohol. Medicinal plants have an important place in the treatment and prevention of diseases due to their antibacterial and antibacterial properties against human diseases. Herbal mouthwash is made from raw herbal extracts and has no or fewer side effects compared to synthetic mouthwashes. Herbal mouthwash is made from various plant extracts. The plants discussed in this article are cinnamon, neem, guava, pomegranate, tulsi, wintergreen, tulsi, mint, misvak and clove, which are useful in dentistry. Easy to make and safe to use at home using natural ingredients, mouthwashes can improve a person's overall oral health. The main purpose of this review is to protect dental health through the use of mouthwash.*

**Keywords:** Mouthwash, Herbs, Antibacterial, Antiviral, Plaque, Gingivitis.

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## INTRODUCTION:

### Role of Medicinal Herbs In Oral Disease:

Medicinal shops have colorful remedial parcels, including Bad Breath Elimination, Analgesic parcels, anti-seditious can be salutary for use .

### Bad breath eliminations:

The term "halitosis" refers to an unwelcome smell coming from the mouth or breath. further than a third of people suffer from bad breath.<sup>14</sup> unpredictable notes (similar as sulphur, sweet, and nitrogen-containing bone) are the cause of this condition, which may be caused by pathological or non-pathological reasons.<sup>15,16</sup> Either *Clonorchis sinensis* excerpt or EGCG may effectively kill *Solobacterium moorei* and reduce the bacterial adhesion to oral epithelial cells, according to the findings of this study. Compared to 0.012 chlorhexidine, clinical trials suggest that *C. sinensis* mouthwash may drop oral malodor- causing unpredictable sulphur composites (VSCs).<sup>17,18</sup> *Plectranthus amboinicus* species contain antibacterial essential canvases similar as  $\beta$ -caryophyllene,  $p$ -cymene, and  $\gamma$ -terpinenecan. Antibacterial action was shown for *P. amboinicus* mouthwash by Nazliniwyty and Laila (2019) against *Staphylococcus aureus*, a bacterium that causes bacterial- convinced halitosis, in a study.<sup>19</sup> A salivary deposition model indicated that *Punica granatum* excerpt inhibited the product of VSCs by *Parvimonas micra*, *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, and *Fusobacterium nucleatum* bacteria.<sup>20</sup> VSCs were mainly dropped and odour conditions bettered in individualities with halitosis who were given *Echinacea augustifolia*, *Pistacia lentiscus*, *Lavender augustifolia*, and *Salvia officinalis* tablets for following product operation, compared to placebo tablets.<sup>21</sup>

### Analgesic properties:

Oral pain is a frequent symptom in a wide range of dental conditions and judgments.<sup>22</sup> Bromelain has been discovered in *Ananas comosus* an enzyme excerpt that has anti- seditious parcel.<sup>23</sup> Following third molar junking procedures, a triadic-eyeless, placebo- controlled, randomized clinical trial reported that a admixture of baicalin, bromelain, and escin ( *Aesculus hippocastanum*) was more effective at relieving pain than Ibuprofen and placebos.<sup>24</sup> Analgesic rates of *Zingiber officinale* are well-known, and the factory has a low threat of side goods Prostaglandin conflation is inhibited by natural rudiments in the factory *Z. officinale* was shown to be inversely effective as Ibuprofen in relieving postoperative pain after third molar junking surgery in another clinical exploration. *Clonorchis sinensis* has been shown to have

antibacterial exertion against involved bacteria in caries and periodontal complaint thus, the effectiveness of *C. sinensis* mouthwash in controlling pain and trismus of acute pericoronitis can be related to its antibacterial exertion as well as its anti-seditious effect. *Clonorchis sinensis* mouthwash 5, compared to chlorhexidine 0.12, meaningfully dropped pain conditions and the number of drugs needed in cases with acute pericoronitis following a 7-day follow- up.<sup>25</sup> Use of *C. sinensis* gargle instead of placebo oral medication reduced postoperative pain by three- fold. A clinical study evaluating the use of guaiac tree extract in the treatment of aphthous stomatitis. No significant difference was observed in the reduced diameter of the G after treatment. After 10 days of follow-up, a group of herbal skin-based mucoadhesive drugs were compared with a placebo group

The use of pomegranate gel has been shown to be effective in reducing pain during the treatment of aphthous ulcers compared to placebo. Oral lichen planus is an inflammatory mucocutaneous disease that causes symptoms such as burning, erythema, and ulcerative lesions in the oral cavity . Curcumin gel, derived from the turmeric plant, has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties . Curcumin gel has been shown to reduce pain and burning in oral lichen planus after the first course of corticosteroid therapy and can be used as an herbal medicine. The main bioactive substances in the *hangeshashinto* plant used in the products are gingerol and shogaol. Both components inhibit the operation of voltage- dependent sodium cell channels, reducing the production of substance P, an important regulator of nociceptive signaling in sensory neurons. *Hangeshashinto* can be used as an effective topical treatment for patients with oral mucositis.<sup>26</sup>

### Anti-Inflammation:

Herbal medicines have been used for centuries for their sedative properties. Dentistry has benefited greatly from these resources. In recent years, a large number of plant-based vaccines have been approved for sale. Researchers have used both simple and complex formulations, including single- component and multi-component formulations. The protective activity of *Chisandra chinensis* and *Schisandra C*, an important lignan in plants, is due to the reduction of interleukin-1 and tumor necrosis factor-alpha. Tooth cells also produce less nitric oxide when exposed to lipopolysaccharide (LPS), which may help reduce dental pain such as pulpitis.<sup>27</sup> Nicotine-induced mucosal inflammation in animals was reduced when

Chinese tea extract was used as a therapeutic agent. The prostaglandin E2 and COX-2 inhibitory properties of *Matricaria recutita* (chamomile) are effective in the treatment of oral mucositis. A systematic review was conducted to investigate the role of chamomile in the treatment of postchemoradiotherapy oral mucositis. The results showed that topical application of chamomile was effective in the treatment and/or prevention of oral mucositis in 4 out of 6 studies. Topical application of aloe vera to the extraction site improved wound healing, probably due to collagen and proteoglycan synthesis by fibroblasts and increased tensile strength. Woad extract reduces inflammation associated with oral mucositis. This is very important in the context of cancer research. Curcumin gargle was found to be superior to chlorhexidine gargle in improving oral mucosal parameters in patients with oral mucositis after radiation pulpitis.<sup>28</sup> *Coptis rhizome*, ginseng, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, jujube, *pinellia ternata*, ginger and skullcap form the Japanese medicine "Hangeshashinto". Liquorice root contains an anti-inflammatory compound called glycyrrhizin and is the most recommended drug in Japan for the treatment of stomatitis in hospitals in Japan. *Glycyrrhiza glabra* can reduce symptoms of oral mucositis after head and neck surgery. To promote the formation of granulation tissue, this herb increases cell proliferation and migration of epidermal keratinocytes and fibroblasts. The components in hangeshashin reduce the expression of cyclooxygenase-2 in human oral keratinocytes, thereby reducing interleukin-1-induced prostaglandin E2 synthesis. Therefore, both antineoplastic drugs and radiotherapy can produce stomatitis, while Hangeshashinto can treat it.<sup>29</sup>

#### Antitumor Properties:

In 2017, 4.84 per 100,000 people were diagnosed with head and neck cancer, making it one of the 10 most common cancers in the world. Scientists face many challenges in the fight against oral cancer, including delays in diagnosis, poor prognosis, and lack of effective and affordable treatment. Currently, patients with oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) are treated with methods such as radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and surgery. However, the mortality rate of OSCC is still high therefore, new medical equipment and drugs are required. One of the best methods for antitumor therapy is the application of medicinal herbs. STAT3 (signal transducer and activator of transcription 3) is a transcription factor that enhances tumor growth and metastasis in OSCC patients. Inhibition of active janus tyrosine kinase (JAK)/STAT signaling is an important therapeutic target in cancer treatment research. 8-

tigloyloxyhirsutinolide-13-O-acetate (8TGH) is a bioactive molecule found in *Vernonia* species and has been shown to reduce STAT3 phosphorylation in OSCC and control cancer.<sup>30</sup>

#### Mouthwash can be used in the following cases:<sup>31</sup>

1. Gum disease
2. Mucositis
3. Halitosis
4. Periodontal disease
5. Xerostomia
6. To clean septic sockets
7. To control plaque
8. To relieve pain
9. To effectively delivered fluoride to prevent dental caries
10. Reduce inflammation
11. Breath freshner

#### Advantages of mouthwash:<sup>32</sup>

1. Fresh breath
2. Helps to get rid of food and debris stuck between the teeth
3. Prevent build-up of space
4. Helps to fight cavities
5. Whitens the teeth
6. Cure canker sores

#### Disadvantages of Mouthwash:<sup>33</sup>

1. Mouthwashes can be dangerous for children under 6 years old.
2. Mouthwash contains a lot of alcohol, which can cause pain.
3. Mouthwash can stain and darken your teeth.
4. It can harm certain parts of your mouth.

#### Herbs used in gargling:

##### 1) Cinnamon (Ceylon cinnamon, Chinese cinnamon, cinnamon bark):

It's attained from dried dinghy of the shoots grown on cut stock of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* belonging to family Lauraceae. It consists of unpredictable oil painting (BP/ EP not lower than 1.2) phlobatannins gum, calcium oxalate, cinnamic aldehyde, eugenol, small amounts of ketones and alcohols and bounce. It's extensively cultivated in Ceylon, Java, Sumatra, West Indies, Brazil, Jamaica, And India. It's cultivated by propagation system. It's single or double emulsion quill. Cinnamon is used as sweet, carminative, flavouring agent, analgesic, antibacterial, antifungal, etc.<sup>32,33</sup> Essential oil painting and excerpt of cinnamon is insulated from the different corridor of it like leaves, dinghy, fruits flowers and kids. The good antimicrobial property of

cinnamon essential oil painting against cariogenic bacteria *S. mutans* KPSK and *Lactobacillus casei* was reported by Wiwattanarattanabut.<sup>34</sup>

## 2) Clove (lilac flower, lilac bud):

Lilac includes the dried flowers of *Eugenia caryophyllus* Thumb. It belongs to the Myrtle family. It is produced in Indonesia, Zanzibar Island, Pemba Island, Brazil, Ambonia Island, Penang, Mauritius and other places. Phenol, Gallotannin, cob. Sterols and campesterol and many sesquiterpenes. Used as perfume, antiseptic, antiseptic, antiseptic, antiseptic, antiseptic, local anesthetic, antiseptic, antiseptic and antibiotic.<sup>35</sup> Dentists use clove oil as an oral anesthetic and antiseptic. Cloves have anti-inflammatory properties and can be used to reduce pain. Cloves are used in foods to prevent the growth of bacteria such as *Bacillus subtilis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Listeria monocytogenes*. Clove oil is reported to have anti-inflammatory properties and is a popular ingredient in mouthwashes and toothpastes. The eugenol in cloves, along with zinc oxide, can be used in dentistry as a temporary solution for cavities. It is available as a tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), lozenges, and gargle.<sup>36</sup>

## 3) Neem (Margosa, Azadirachta) :

It is found in almost all parts of the plant, and the most commonly used products are the stem bark, roots, leaves, and fruits of the *Azadirachta* family. It is present in India and Pakistan. Neem seeds contain the complex tetranortriterpenoid lactones azadirachtin, azadirachtin, salanine, and azadirachtin B, of which azadirachtin is the most active component. Neem has antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, antibacterial, and antioxidant properties.<sup>37</sup> In dentistry, *A. indica* has been shown to be effective against periodontal disease. *A. indica* is the best way to heal caries, heal mouth ulcers and provide solutions to dental problems. It exhibits antibacterial activity against many bacteria such as *Streptococcus mutans* and *Streptococcus aureus*. *Enterococcus faecalis* and other *Streptococcus* species. Neem inhibits prostaglandin E and 5HT and acts as an anti-inflammatory agent. Azadirachtin can damage the bacterial wall and cause cell death by changing the osmotic pressure. Neem is sensitive to *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*. This product, known for its bitter taste, is now available in very small numbers.<sup>38</sup>

## 4) Guava (lemon guava, apple guava):

In the Myrtaceae plant. It is a small tree that grows up to 3 meters tall, and its fruits, bark and leaves are frequently used in herbal medicine. A decoction of the leaves can be used as a gargle to treat many conditions such as toothache, sore throat and swollen gums. It consists of bioactive compounds such as siphoning, tannins, flavonoid alkaloids, etc. and is

good for many diseases. Diseases. Guava gargle can be used several times a day as an antiseptic and astringent to treat swollen gums, sore throat, inflammation, bleeding gums and to reduce pain. Flavonoids extracted from the leaves, including morin-3-o-lyxoide and morin-o-arabinoide, have been reported to have anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties and are effective against aphthous ulcers.<sup>39</sup>

## 5) pomegranate (Punica granatum):

This is the oldest fruit in the pomegranate family. Drinking pomegranate juice can help prevent infections, and pomegranate extract contains antibacterial properties. Flavonoids such as free and bound flavonoids, gallotannins, and anthocyanins. This juice has been evaluated as a heart and throat tonic due to its antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant activities.<sup>39</sup> Pomegranates are susceptible to infection by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Clostridium bulgaricus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, and *Escherichia coli*.

## 6) Tulsi (Ocimum basilicum, Holy Basil):

It consists of fresh and dried leaves of *Ocimum sainttium* Linn. belonging to the Lamiaceae family. It is found all over India and is considered sacred. Tulsi contains volatile oil (0.1-0.9%) which has antibacterial and insecticidal properties. Methanolic extract and aqueous suspension of Tulsi have antipyretic and anti-inflammatory properties and according to studies, it proves its anti-inflammatory properties by inhibiting COX2. It shows resistance against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Candida albicans*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Escherichia coli* and against *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*.<sup>38</sup>

## 7) Peppermint Brandy Mint:

It is an oil obtained from the distillation of *Mentha Piperita* of the Lamiaceae family. It also contains menthyl isovalerate acetate, menthone, eucalyptol, inactive pinene, limonene, etc. It has been used to treat gingivitis, headache, indigestion, and other ailments. Representative. Do not use in patients with liver damage, gallbladder inflammation, or bile duct obstruction.<sup>37</sup>

## 8) Wintergreen (Winterberry, Deerberry, Boxberry, Checkerberry)

Obtained by distillation of the dried leaves of *Gaultheria procumbens* Linn. It belongs to the Ericaceae family and is mainly found in the northern United States from Georgia to Newfoundland. The volatile oil contains 99% methyl salicylate and additional components such as Gaultherilene, ketones, esters, and secondary alcohols.<sup>37</sup> It is used as an analgesic, antispasmodic, anti-inflammatory, and astringent.

*G. procumbens* has the highest antibacterial activity



against *P. aeruginosa* with an MIC of 0.39â“ 4.16 mg/ml, and also inhibits the growth of *Candida* sp. Wintergreen oil is effective for toothache and gum pain.

#### 9) Miswak (drum, matchstick):

According to Sofrata et al. (2007), gargling with peach blossom extract caused a longer period of plaque pH reduction compared to rinsing with water, and the difference between the two groups was significant at 30 minutes. Many people in the Middle East and Asia are fond of the root of *Salvadora persica*. A detailed procedure for using Miswak is described. Miswak extract heals the gums and inhibits the growth of cariogenic bacteria. One study found that *Streptococcus mutans* was more sensitive to Miswak than *Lactobacilli*.

#### 10) Myrrh (*Commiphora Molm*):

Myrrh derives its name from the Arabic word “mur”, meaning bitter. It contains weak oil, [bisabolol], resin [myrrh], gum and other impurities; Myrrh has antibacterial properties against *Streptococcus mutans*, *Candida albicans* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, reduces gum disease and keeps the mouth healthy. Myrrh is made of three main ingredients: resin, gum and volatile oil. Br> Other medicinal herbs used in gargling are myrrh, green tea, ginseng, cranberry, coriander, bloodroot, catechu, aloe vera etc.

#### General procedure for preparing gargle:

Wash the herbs with sterile water, dry in shade, crush and store in airtight bottles. Aqueous extracts of all plant materials were prepared by soaking the powdered plant parts in sterile distilled water and incubating them at 37 Â°C for 72 hours. Filter the herbal extract using Whatmann filter paper, wash the pulp with 10 mL of sterile distilled water and press.<sup>29</sup>

#### Evaluation of mouthwash:

##### Colour and odour:

Measure the absence of odour and colour by visual inspection.

##### PH

Standard buffers are used for pH measurement. Use a pH meter to measure the pH of 1 ml of gargle dissolved in 50 ml of distilled water.

#### Test for microbial growth:

To do. Place the plate in the incubator. Then incubate at 37Â°C for 24 hours.

#### Stability studies:

Used to determine the physical and chemical stability of the product and the safety of the product. Rapid stability test is a method to estimate the

stability of the product in situ incineration according to ICH regulations.

#### In vitro antibacterial activity:

*Streptococcus mutans* was tested for antibiotic resistance in vitro. Determine the zone of inhibition and minimum inhibitory concentration using the agar well diffusion method (MIC). Inoculate *S. mutans* strains onto previously prepared blood agar plates. Dry the plate using a 6 mm agar well cutter and create four wells. Place 20L, 40L, 60L and 80L mouthpieces in each. The agar plates were left intact to ensure that the mouthwash did not contaminate the agar medium. The plates were then incubated for 24 hours at 37Â°C.<sup>40</sup>

#### CONCLUSION:

The review of herbal mouthwashes reveals their potential as effective and safe alternatives to conventional mouthwashes for oral healthcare. The evidence suggests that various herbal ingredients, such as aloe vera, tea tree oil, and neem, possess antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties, which can help prevent oral diseases like gingivitis, periodontitis, and oral candidiasis.

#### Future Directions:

1. Standardization of herbal mouthwash formulations.
2. Large-scale clinical trials to confirm efficacy.
3. Investigation of herbal mouthwashes' potential in preventing oral cancer.

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