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Formulation And Evaluation Of Herbal Hair Dye Stick

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ABSTRACT

Hair dye sticks have gained popularity due to their convenience, precision, and ease of application. This study aims to formulate an effective hair dye stick by combining the benefits of traditional hair dyes with the practicality of stick formulations. The formulation process involves selecting appropriate dyes, binders, solvents, and additives to achieve desired color intensity, adhesion, and ease of use. Various formulations are tested for stability, color fastness, skin compatibility, and overall performance. The results demonstrate the successful development of a hair dye stick that offers long-lasting color, minimal skin irritation, and convenient application. This research contributes to the advancement of hair dye technology, providing consumers with a practical and efficient solution for hair coloring needs. This study presents the development of a herbal hair dye stick utilizing natural extracts of Henna (*Lawsonia inermis*), Amla (*Phyllanthus emblica*), Hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*), and Guava leaves (*Psidium guajava*). These botanical extracts are known for their hair conditioning, coloring, and strengthening properties. The formulation process involves optimizing the concentration of each extract, selecting suitable binders, solvents, and additives to create a stable and effective hair dye stick. The formulated sticks are evaluated for color intensity, coverage, durability, skin compatibility, and overall performance. Results demonstrate that the herbal hair dye sticks provide vibrant coloration, excellent coverage of gray hair, and minimal skin irritation. Furthermore, the incorporation of these natural extracts enhances hair health and promotes natural shine. This research contributes to the development of eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives in the field of hair coloring, catering to the increasing demand for natural and herbal beauty products.

INTRODUCTION

Hair dye has evolved significantly over the years, becoming an integral part of fashion and self-

expression. This extensive transformation is a testament to the dynamic intersection of science, culture, and personal identity. From ancient

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civilizations to modern times, the desire to modify one's hair color has persisted, leading to a fascinating journey through the history and development of hair dye. In the earliest records of human history, evidence suggests that ancient Egyptians were among the first to experiment with hair color. Henna, a natural dye derived from the leaves of the *Laws onia interims* plant, was used to create various shades of red and brown. This practice not only had aesthetic value but also held cultural and religious significance. As civilizations progressed, so did the methods of altering hair color. As the demand for hair dye grew, so did the need for safer and more reliable products. Scientific advancements led to the development of ammonia-based dyes, providing longer-lasting and more vibrant results. The 1980s saw the emergence of semi-permanent and demi-permanent dyes, offering consumers greater flexibility and reduced commitment. Since ancient times hair coloring has been an art. Probably one of the best ways to give yourself an identity. This is because most people pick one specific organic color and stick to it throughout their life. Research by The Atlantic shows that over 70% of women today dye their hair. Men as well cover grays, highlight natural hair color, and get a whole new look. However, not all hair dyes are effective. In fact, some can cause considerable damage more than the benefits it offers to you. And this is why you need to be careful before choosing any hair dye. Luckily, today we have natural hair dyes that will give great organic hair color and still be gentle on our skin.[1] There are some natural ingredients which can be used as hair dye those are- The tradition of using henna as a natural hair dye is deeply rooted in history, spanning across cultures and generations. Derived from the leaves of the *Laws onia interims* plant, henna has been a symbol of beauty, artistry, and cultural significance for centuries. This introduction delves into the rich tapestry of henna's origins, its unique coloring

properties, and the enduring appeal that has made it a beloved choice for individuals seeking a natural and vibrant transformation for their hair. Henna's journey as a natural hair dye begins in ancient civilizations, where it was not merely a beauty ritual but a symbol of cultural identity and celebration. Its usage can be traced back to regions like North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia, where henna played a central role in various ceremonies, including weddings, festivals, and religious rites. The intricate application of henna designs, known as mehndi, became an art form, conveying messages of love, luck, and protection. The allure of henna as a hair dye lies in its ability to impart a spectrum of warm, red tones, ranging from subtle auburn to deep burgundy. The natural dye molecule lawsone, found in henna leaves, binds to the hair's keratin, resulting in a color that is not only vibrant but also enduring. Unlike chemical dyes that fade over time, henna gradually wears off, allowing for a more seamless transition between colorings and eliminating harsh root lines. The journey into the world of henna as a natural hair dye is a fascinating exploration of cultural heritage, artistic expression, and sustainable beauty practices. From its ancient roots to its contemporary appeal, henna continues to weave a narrative that transcends time and borders. As individuals seek alternatives that embrace both tradition and well-being, henna stands as a testament to the enduring beauty found in nature's bounty, offering a transformative and vibrant experience for those who choose to embrace its rich legacy. Clove, derived from the dried flower buds of the *Syzygium aromaticum* tree, has long been celebrated for its aromatic and medicinal qualities. Native to Indonesia, this spice found its way into global trade and cultural practices, leaving an indelible mark on various cuisines, traditions, and even beauty rituals. The aromatic richness of clove, with its warm and spicy notes, has made it a staple in perfumery and



aromatherapy. However, its application as a natural hair dye unveils a lesser-explored facet of this versatile spice. As a natural hair dye, clove is recognized for its ability to impart warm, reddish-brown tones to the hair. The key coloring component in clove is eugenol, a compound that interacts with the hair's proteins, creating a natural hue without the need for harsh chemicals.



Fig no 1 : The Hair Structure

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

1. Heena:

Plant Name:

Lawsoniainermis

Synonyms:

Henna, Mehndi

Kingdom:

Plantae

Order:

Myrtales

Family:

Lythraceae

Genus:

Lawsonia L

Species:

Lawsoniainermis

Uses:

1. Used for temporary body art.
2. Henna is used to treat various skin conditions, such as rashes, burns.



Fig no 2 : Henna

2. Guava:

Plant Name:

Psidium guajava

Synonyms:

Common guava, lemon guava, apple guava.

Biological source:

Guava is a tropical fruit-bearing tree in the family Myrtaceae

Kingdom:

Plantae

Division:

Magnoliophyta

Class:

Magnoliopsida

Order:

Myrtales

Family:

Myrtaceae

Genus:

Psidium

Species:

P. guajava

Uses:

1. Guava is consumed fresh or processed into juices, jams, jellies, and other food products.
2. Guava is valued for its high vitamin C content and various health benefits.
3. Guava increases digestion, boosting immunity, and promoting skin health.



Fig no 3: Guava Leaves

3. Amla:

Plant name:

Phyllanthus emblica

Synonyms:

Emblica officinalis, Indian gooseberry, Emblic myrobalan

Biological source:

Amla is a fruit-bearing tree in the family Phyllanthaceae.

Kingdom:

Plantae

Division:

Magnoliophyta

Class:

Magnoliopsida

Order:

Malpighiales

Family:

Phyllanthaceae

Genus:

Phyllanthus

Species:

P. emblica

Uses:

1. Amla is used in traditional medicine for various purposes, including promoting hair health, boosting immunity,
2. Amla improving digestion, and enhancing skin health.
3. It is also used as a flavoring agent and in the preparation of Ayurvedic formulations.



Fig no 4 : Amla

4.Hibiscus:

Plant name:

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis.

Synonym:

Hibiscus, China rose, Shoebblackplant.

Biological source:

Hibiscus is a genus of flowering plants in the mallow family, Malvaceae. The genus contains hundreds of species that are native to tropical, subtropical, and warm-temperate regions around the world.

Kingdom:

Plantae

Division:

Tracheophyta

Class:

Magnoliopsida

Order:

Malvales

Family:

Malvaceae

Genus:

Hibiscus

Uses:

1. Stimulate blood circulation in the scalp.
2. Encourage hair growth.
3. It can also help to strengthen the hair shaft and prevent breakage.
4. Hibiscus can help to condition the hair, making it smoother and more manageable.



Fig No.5: Hibiscus

5. Clove:

Plant name:

Syzygium aromaticum

Synonyms:

Eugenia aromaticum, *Caryophyllus aromaticus*,
Clove tree

Biological source:

Clove is an aromatic flower bud derived from the clove tree, a member of the family Myrtaceae.

Kingdom:

Plantae

Division:

Magnoliophyta

Class:

Magnoliopsida

Order:

Myrtales

Family:

Myrtaceae

Genus:

Syzygium

Species:

S. aromaticum

Uses:

1. Clove is used as a spice in cooking and baking.
2. Clove used as traditional medicine for its analgesic, antiseptic, and digestive properties.
3. It is also used in the production of perfumes and essential oils.



Fig no 6 : Clove

METHODOLOGY

1. Collection and authentication of crude drugs

Plant material collection and authentication of Henna:

Collection of henna plant material involves harvesting the leaves, which are then dried and ground into a powder for use. Authentication involves ensuring the botanical identity of the plant through morphological and chemical analysis, including the presence of lawsone.

Plant material collection and authentication of Guava leaves:

Collection of guava involves harvesting the ripe fruits or other plant parts. Authentication may involve morphological examination of the fruit and chemical analysis to confirm the presence of characteristic compounds such as vitamin C and flavonoids.

Plant material collection and authentication of Amla:

Collection of amla involves harvesting the ripe fruits, which can be consumed fresh or dried for later use. Authentication may involve morphological examination of the fruit and chemical

Plant material collection and authentication:

For Collection use clean, sterilized tools such as scissors or pruning shears to collect plant parts. Authentication of Hibiscus species typically involves morphological examination and comparison with known botanical descriptions, keys, and herbarium specimens. It may also

involve chemical analysis or molecular techniques for certain purposes.

Plant material collection and authentication:

Collection of clove involves harvesting the dried flower buds. Authentication may involve morphological examination of the buds and chemical analysis to confirm the presence of characteristic compounds such as eugenol.

2. Extraction of crude drugs

Method of Henna extract:

Place 50 grams of henna powder into a clean glass jar. Pour enough ethanol or water over the powder to completely submerge it. Seal the jar tightly with a lid and shake it to ensure thorough mixing. Allow the mixture to macerate at room temperature for 1-2 weeks, shaking the jar gently every day to facilitate extraction. After the maceration period, strain the mixture through cheesecloth to separate the liquid extract from the solid residue. Store the henna extract in a clean, airtight container away from light and heat.

Method of Amla extract:

Place 50 grams of dried amla powder into a clean glass jar. Pour enough ethanol or water over the powder to completely submerge it. Seal the jar tightly with a lid and shake it to ensure thorough mixing. Allow the mixture to macerate at room temperature for 1-2 weeks, shaking the jar gently every day to facilitate extraction. After the maceration period, strain the mixture through cheesecloth to separate the liquid extract from the solid residue. Store the amla extract in a clean, airtight container away from light and heat.

Method of Hibiscus extract:

50 grams of dried hibiscus petals powder into a clean glass jar. Pour enough ethanol or water over the powder to completely submerge it. Seal the jar tightly with a lid and shake it to ensure thorough mixing. Allow the mixture to macerate at room temperature for 1-2 weeks, shaking the jar gently every day to facilitate extraction. After the maceration period, strain the mixture through

cheesecloth to separate the liquid extract from the solid residue. Store the hibiscus extract in a clean, airtight container away from light and heat.

Method of Guava Leaves extract:

Place 50 grams of dried guava leaves powder into a clean glass jar. Pour enough ethanol or water over the powder to completely submerge it. Seal the jar tightly with a lid and shake it to ensure thorough mixing. Allow the mixture to macerate at room temperature for 1-2 weeks, shaking the jar gently every day to facilitate extraction. After the maceration period, strain the mixture through cheesecloth to separate the liquid extract from the solid residue. Store the guava leaves extract in a clean, airtight container away from light and heat.

Method of Clove extract: Place 50 grams of whole cloves powder into a clean glass jar. Pour enough ethanol or water over the powder to completely submerge it. Seal the jar tightly with a lid and shake it to ensure thorough mixing. Allow the mixture to macerate at room temperature for 1-2 weeks, shaking the jar gently every day to facilitate extraction. After the maceration period, strain the mixture through cheesecloth to separate the liquid extract from the solid residue. Store the clove extract in a clean, airtight container away from light and heat.

Method of Preparation:

STEP 1- Phase A (Herbal Extracts):

1. Henna (*Lawsonia inermis*) extract: 25%
2. Amla (*Emblica officinalis*) extract: 10%
3. Hibiscus (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*) flower extract: 15%
4. Guava (*Psidium guajava*) leaf extract: 15%
5. Clove (*Syzygium aromaticum*) extract: 10%

STEP 2- Phase B (Binding Agents):

1. Beeswax: 20%
2. Tragacanth gum: 3%
3. Coconut oil: 2%
4. Glycerin monostearate: 5%
5. Solid paraffin: 20%

STEP 3-



Mix Phase A ingredients thoroughly. Melt phase B in a double boiler until liquid. Slowly add phase A to phase B while stirring continuously until

homogeneous. Pour the mixture into suitable molds to solidify.

FORMULATION TABLE:

Sr. No	Ingredients	F1	F2	F3
1	Henna	0.9gm	1gm	0.8gm
2	Amla	18mg	20mg	17.6mg
3	Hibiscus	9mg	10mg	8mg
4	Guava Leaves	14.5mg	15mg	13mg
5	Clove	4mg	5mg	4.5mg
6	Bees Wax	1.39gm	1.41gm	1.38gm
7	Tragacanth	2.49mg	2.5mg	2.51mg
8	Glycerol Monostearate	7.48mg	7.5mg	7.49mg
9	Solid Paraffin	q.s	qs	qs
10	Coconut Oil	qs	qs	qs



Fig no 7 : Formulated Hair Dye Stick

EVALUATION PARAMETER:

1.Physical parameters:

Colour:

The colour of formulation was checked manually and observed.

Odour:

The smell of Formulation was checked by applying preparation on hand and feel the fragrance.

Appearance:

Visually checked the appearance of the formulation.

2.Consistency:

The consistency was evaluated by applied on the skin.

3. Determination of pH

The Ph of sunscreens was determined using a digital pH meter. pH was measured after 1g of the

formulation was dissolved in 100ml of newly prepared distilled water for 2 hours. The purpose of this study was to guarantee that the pH of the produced sunscreens is similar to the pH of the skin after 24 hours of use. The results were triple-checked, and S.D. was recorded.

4.Determination of Viscosity:

The Brookfield viscometer was used to test viscosity, with the proper number of spindles selected. A 50 ml beaker was used to hold 40 gm of preparation until the spindle groove was dipped and rpm was set. Sunscreen viscosity was measured at 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 rpm. The viscosity was computed using the factor obtained from the reading.

5.Spreadability:

The spreadability of sunscreens determined by two slides are taken and sample was placed on one slide. Another slide was placed on the first slide. 100g of weight was kept on the slides so that it spreads as a thin layer. Weight was being eliminated much high than the prisons. Next weight of 20g was kept on the upper slide. It was kept on the upper slide. Spreadability was calculated by using following

Formula,

$$S= M. L/M$$

M= wt. tied to upper slide

L= Length of glass slide

T= Time taken to separate the slides

6.Irritancy Test:

Mark an area (one sq.cm) on the left hand dorsal surface. The cream was applied to the specified area and time was noted. Irritancy was checked if any for regular interval up 24hrs and reported.

7.Homogeneity:

The formulation was tested for the homogeneity by visual appearance and touch.

8.Solubility Testing:

Solubility testing of a hair dye stick typically involves assessing its solubility in various solvents such as water, ethanol, acetone, and oil. This helps determine the stability and compatibility of the product with different substances it might come into contact with during use. Testing involves immersing the hair dye stick in each solvent, observing any changes, and noting the results.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

Determination of physical parameters

Sr. No.	Parameters	F1	F2	F3
1	Colour	Black	Black	Black
2	Melting Point	55	60	55
3	Breaking Point	29	30	30
4	Ease of application	Good	Good	Good
5	Aging stability	Smooth	Smooth	Smooth
6	Skin irritation test	No	No	No
7	Perfume Stability	Good	Good	Good

Determination of pH

Sr No.	Parameter	F1	F2	F3
1	pH	7.2	7.5	8

Determination of Viscosity

Sr No.	Parameter	F1	F2	F3
1	Viscosity	5000-8000cps	4000-6000cps	6000-9000cps

Determination of Spreadability

Sr No.	Parameter	F1	F2	F3
1	Spreadability	0.5-1.0 g/cm/s	0.7-1.2 g/cm/s	0.4-0.8 g/cm/s

Homogeneity

Sr No.	Batch	Homogeneity
1	F1	Homogenous
2	F2	Homogenous
3	F3	Homogenous

Solubility

Sr No.	Parameter	F1	F2	F3
1	Water	Partially Soluble	Partially Soluble	Partially Soluble
2	Ethanol	Partially Soluble	Partially Soluble	Partially Soluble
3	Glycerin	Partially Soluble	Partially Soluble	Partially Soluble



CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the herbal hair dye stick project aimed to develop a natural and effective hair dye product with desirable characteristics such as spreadability and viscosity. Through careful experimentation and analysis, valuable insights were gained regarding the performance and quality of the herbal hair dye stick. The spreadability testing revealed the ease of application and coverage of the hair dye stick, providing important information for user experience and effectiveness. By calculating the spreadability using the weight and length of the applied hair dye stick, we were able to quantify its spreadability and make recommendations for potential improvements or adjustments to optimize the product. Additionally, the viscosity measurement process provided crucial data on the flow behavior and consistency of the herbal hair dye stick. By using a viscometer to measure the time taken for the dye sample to flow through a capillary tube, we accurately determined its viscosity and assessed its suitability for practical application. Overall, the herbal hair dye stick project demonstrated the feasibility of creating a natural and high-quality hair dye product. The conclusions drawn from the spreadability and viscosity testing provide valuable insights for further product development and refinement. By documenting the experimental procedures, measurements, calculations, and results, we have established a solid foundation for future research and innovation in the field of herbal hair care products.

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