



# A Review: Formulation and evaluation of natural polymer hand wash with potential pathway

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## ABSTRACT

Handwashing is relied upon in numerous fields as a primary means to prevent transmission of harmful pathogens. While handwashing is a key step in disease prevention, the factors controlling its effectiveness are not always well understood, and there are extensive variations in the methodology used to assess each of these factors. This review summarizes the various factors that can impact handwashing effectiveness as well as the methods and results of studies evaluating each of these factors related to handwashing. Numerous methods are available to inoculate hands as well as to recover microorganisms from hands, and for a given method, experimental variables can be changed between researchers. These variations amongst methods as well as variations in reporting experimental results can make it difficult to compare studies as, well as challenging to accurately interpret the results between studies. Standardization of methods and reporting requirements are necessary to allow for comparison of studies so that more accurate conclusions about the handwashing process can be made.

**Keywords:** Handwashing, prevention, microorganisms, methodology.

## INTRODUCTION

Hand washing with soap and water has been taken part of personal hygiene for hundreds of years and has been usually embedded in spiritual and cultural behavior.(1) Although, the link among Hand washing and the spread of disease changed into set up simplest two centuries in the past, despite the fact that this can be considered as extraordinarily early with admire to the discoveries of Pasteur and Lister that passed off decades later.(2,3) In the middle of 19<sup>th</sup> century, Ignaz Semmelweis in Vienna (Austria), and Oliver Wendell Holmes in Boston (USA), revealed that

the hands of health care work spread nosocomil infection(4,5). In 1847, observations of Sem that after performing autopsies by physician on their hands had a disagreeable odorpite hand washing with soap and water before entering the clinic. He hypothesized therefore that “cadaverous particles” were transmitted via the hands and caused the childbed fever. After a theory of disease offering developed by Pasteur, Semmelweis’s findings goes worldwide acceptance after his death, when Pasteur developed the scientific theory of disease offering a theoretical explanation for Semmelweis’s findings.(6) In 1980s remarkable evolution made in concepts of hand hygiene in health care(7). Simultaneously in the same year first national hand hygiene guidelines were published, furthermore several other countries also published the new guidelines in this array.(8) In the year 1995 and 1996, the CDC/HICPAC within the USA recommended that besides antimicrobial soap or alcoholic antiseptic agent be used for washing hands.(9) Skin being the most exposed part of our body requires protection from skin pathogens.(10) The hands of Health Care workers (HCWs) are the primary routes of transmission of multidrug resistant pathogens and infection to the patients.(11) Hence, it brings up the use of antiseptic for hand wash purpose(12). Many of the chemical antiseptics are now available in market as alcohol based sanitizers, chlorhexidine products etc(12). These soaps or solutions help to reduce health care associated transmission of contagious diseases ore effectively but they have some shortcomings or adverse effects.(13) Their frequent use can lead to skin irritation and also resistant among pathogens(14). Organisms such as Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas spp., Klebsiella pneumonia & Proteus vulgaris are some of the skin pathogens (15).Hand washing is an important way to help fight the spread of disease. Hand washing removes visible dirt from hands and reduce the number of harmful microorganisms.(16) Harmful bacteria and viruses such as, E. coli and Salmonella can be carried by people, animals or equipment and transmitted to food.(17)

## History

Handwashing and Impact on the Food Industry Proper hygiene and effective handwashing are essential to food safety.(18) It is estimated that foodborne pathogens, both major known pathogens as well as unspecified agents, cause 47.8 million illnesses, 127,830 hospitalizations, and 3,037 deaths in the U.S. each year (Scallan et al. 2011).(19) While eliminating all foodborne disease is unrealistic, certain food safety practices such as handwashing are an effective tool to reduce disease incidence.(20) Section 2-301.12 of the FDA Food Code states that proper handwashing can result in a 2 to 3 log reduction in transient bacteria as well as a 2-log reduction in transient viruses and protozoa (USFDA 2013).(21) Transfer of pathogens from the hands of food workers to food significantly contributes to the spread of foodborne illness, and the improvement of handwashing in food workers is critical to decrease the amount of foodborne illness outbreaks (22)

## Material and Methods

### Material

Among the most crucial substances employed in the current investigation to develop a gel-based herbal hand wash was Argemone Mexicana(23). Argemone Mexicana leaf was harvested in the Sangli district of Maharashtra. (24)The specimens were authenticated by YCP, Karad College. (25)Triethanolamine, cabopol-934, Sodium lauryl

sulphate, Methyl paraben, Rose Water, and perfume were procured from RCP in Kasegaon, Maharashtra(26). Chemicals of analytical grade are employed in the preparation. Bacterial strains Escherichia coli (gram–ve) ATCC 10531 Pseudomonas aeruginosa (gram–ve) ATCC 25619 Staphylococcus aureus (gram +ve) (27)

## Method

### Preparation of Extracts<sup>11</sup>

In a 100 ml methanol solution, 10g of dry plant material was added (9 parts of methanol: 1 part of water)(28). This combination was warmed for 12 to 24 hours in a water bath at 60°C, filtered, and plant extract was extracted.(29) Formulation of Gel Based Herbal Hand Wash using extracts of Argemone Mexicana Preparation of gel base: Herbal gel was prepared overnight using deionized water and 1 percent w/w carbopol-934 as a gelling agent(30). To achieve homogeneous polymer dispersion, the swollen polymer was then agitated using a mechanical stirrer.(31) By adding modest volumes of triethanolamine and stirring continuously, the pH was raised to 7.0 (32)

Sr.no	Ingredients	Quantity taken	Role
1	Cabopol-934	0.25mg	Jelling
2	Purified	20ml	Vehicles
3	Triethanolamine	q.s	Neutralizer

Table no 1:-preparation of herbal gel base for herbal hand wash (33)

### Collection of plant material:

The plants Neem [*Azadirachta indica*] & Peppermint [*Mentha piperita*] leaves were collected from Gurukrupa Institute of Pharmacy College Campus, Majalgaon.(34) To remove sand particles from sample, wash it thoroughly with fresh water. (35)The plant material dried under sunlight for 4 to five days. Then the dried plant material were crushed, sieved to get nearly fine amorphous powder. (36)Powdered material was extracted with a suitable solvent.(37) . Ritha powder, turmeric powder, Clove oil and Tulsi oil were collected from the local market of Majalgaon. Soil extract were chosen for antibacterial activity.(38)

**Extraction of plant material:** 10 grams of each dry plant material Neem, Peppermint powder and 5gm of Ritha powder were added in water.(39) The mixture was heated on water bath at 600 C for 1 hour, and then filtered through Whatman Filter Paper to get the particle free Extract.(40)

### Authentication of plant material

The plant material was Identified and Authentify by Dr. I. B. Salunkhe (M. SC., Ph. D., and Head Department of Botany), Sunderrao Solanke Mahavidyalay, and Majalgaon.(41)

## Method of Preparation

- 1) Polyherbal Hand wash Gel was prepared using Carbopol 940 as Gelling agent which is soaked in 15ml distilled water overnight.
- 2) Neem and Peppermint extracts, Ritha Powder along with Tulsi and Clove oil were measured accurately and dissolved by gentle heating.
- 3) After heating, keep the solution aside for sometimes.
- 4) The required quantity of Sodium lauryl Sulphate dissolved in 10ml distilled water along with Glycerine were mixed in above aqueous phase with continuous stirring.
- 5) The methyl paraben was dissolved in remaining quantity of purified water and dispersed into the extract.
- 6) The swelled polymer (Carbopol 940) was stirred using a mechanical stirrer to ensure the uniform dispersion of polymer and finally added into the above mixture to form a Homogenous Gel and then the required quantity of Rose oil was added for Fragrance.
- 7) Lastly, it was stored in well closed container and labelled suitably for further analysis(42)

## Collection of plant materials:

The plants *Mimosa pudica* L and *Azadirachta indica* A were collected from the garden area of NGSMIPS Campus, Deralaktte, Mangalore.

## Preparation of herbal leaf extracts:

The collected plants *Mimosa pudica* L and *Azadirachta indica* A leaves are taken and coarsely powdered. 10 grams of coarsely powdered leaves of both plants were soaked in 200 ml of methanol and kept for maceration for about 3-4 days.

After maceration the extract is filtered and the filtrate was collected and used for making hand wash.(43)

## Preparations of herbal hand wash formulations:

Formulation 1 (F-1):

In this formulation the hand wash was prepared using 20 ml of methonolic extract filtrate. To this filtrate 6g of SLS , glycerin 40 ml , 0.3 g of methyl paraben, 5ml of rose merry oil is added and the volume is made up to 100ml with purified water.

Formulation 2 (F-2):

This formulation was prepared by adding 20 ml of lemon juice to 20 ml of methonolic extract filtrate of *Mimosa pudica* L and *Azadirachta indica* A leaves. The remaining ingredients include all the same as mentioned above in formulation 1 (44)

**Table 2: Formulation of poly herbal hand wash F 1**

INGRIDIENT	QUANTITY
Methanolic extract of mimosa pudica L and Azadirachta indica	20ml
Sodium lauryl sulphate	6gm
Glycerin	40ml
Methyl 386araben	0.3gms
Rosemerry oil	5ml
Purified water	100ml

(45)

**Table 3: Formulation of poly herbal hand wash F 2**

INGRIDIENT	QUANTITY
Methanolic extract of mimosa pudica and Azadirachta indica	20ml
Sodium lauryl sulphate	6gm
Glycerin	40ml
Methyl 386araben	0.3gms
Rosemerry oil	5ml
Purified water	100ml
Lemon Water	20ml

(46)

**TABLE 4: Antimicrobial activities of polyherbal hand wash formulations**

ORGANISM	ZONE OF INHIBITION IN Cms		
	Std.Drug	F-1	F-2
BACILUS SUBTILUS	1.4	3.4	3.8
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS	2.7	3.8	4.3
PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA	2.7	3.6	4.2
ESCHERICHIA COLI	1.8	3.3	3.8

(47)

## Evaluation of Gel Base for Herbal Hand Wash

### Physical Evaluation

Visual inspection of the Poly-Herbal Gel Based Hand Wash was performed. The test parameters were colour, odour, texture., Appearance and Homogeneity

### PH

In 100 millilitres of distilled water, 1 gm of gel-based herbal hand wash was mixed. The pH of the mixture was examined using a previously standardised digital pH metre

### Viscosity

The thickness of a gel-based herbal hand cleanser was tested using a digital Brookfield viscometer.

### Irritancy Test:

During irritancy checks, there is no redness, edema, inflammation, or discomfort in the preparation. These things are absolutely safe to use on the skin(48)

### Foam Retention

50 ml of the gel-based herbal hand wash was agitated 10 times in a 250ml graduated cylinder. The quantity of foam was monitored at 1-minute periods for 4 minutes. Foam retention should be stable over a period 5 minutes.

### Spreadability

The spreadability device was made out of a wooden block with a pulley attached to one end. To measure spreadability, this method evaluated the slip and drag properties of gels.

An excess of gel (nearly 2g) from the research was applied to this ground slide. After that, the gel was placed between this slide and a glass slide with the same proportions as the fixed ground slide, as well as a hook.

A 1 kg weighted plate was placed on top of the two slides for 5 minutes to release air and create a homogeneous gel coating between them. Excess gel was pulled away from the edges. The top plate was then pulled with an 80-gram pull. With the help of the string linked to the hook, the time (in seconds) taken for the top slide to traverse a distance of 7.5 cm may be estimated. When the time is shorter, spread ability is easier. (49)

The Anti-microbial efficacy of the formulations of Polyherbal Hand Wash was tested on *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Escherichia coli* by agar plate technique. The results of zone of inhibition showed that the hand wash prepared from methanol extract of the combined plant materials shown significant antimicrobial activity. The hand wash prepared with lemon juice (F-2) showed little higher activity than the formulation prepared without lemon juice(50)

## Conclusion

Natural remedies are regarded to be more suitable than synthetic therapies since they are safer and have lesser adverse effects. Herbal preparations are gaining popularity on the international market. Argemone Mexicana extract is being used to make a herbal gel-based hand cleanser. As per the observations of many researches, herbs are highly beneficial agents that may be used as hand wash with reduced adverse effects and longer lasting benefits. The data indicate that the gel composition is homogenous. These herbal hand wash compositions outperformed widely available alcohol-based hand wash preparations. Pathogenic bacteria such as Staph aureus, E. coli, and Pseudomonas aeruginosa have been demonstrated to be effective towards Staph. aureus, E. coli, and Pseudomonas aeruginosa, with no negative effects on human tissue.

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