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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Comparison of herbal and commercial mouthwashes is important due to their action in oral health. To determine their action and cytotoxic effect by killing the pathogens present in the oral cavity.

Objective: To prepare two different glass plates containing equally counted nauplies with commercial mouthwash and herbal mouthwash in it.

Materials And Method : Using brine shrimp in Salt water with mouthwashes in two 6X10 plates.

Inclusion Criteria: Alive shrimp nauplii, commercial mouthwash, herbal mouthwash

Exclusion Criteria: No dead nauplii

Result: In the experiment we have found that the commercial mouthwash effect was higher than the herbal mouthwash. The shrimp death was higher in commercial mouthwash.

Conclusion: From this study it is concluded that commercial mouthwash is highly recommended to be used and in future study we can study about the effects of commercial mouthwash. Herbal mouthwash effect was less on nauplius and the death of them.

Keywords: commercial mouthwash, herbal mouthwash, brine shrimp

INTRODUCTION

Active ingredients in commercial brands of mouthwash can include thymol, eucalyptol, hexetidine, methyl salicylate, menthol, chlorhexidine, gluconate, benzalkonium chloride, cetylpyridinium chloride, methylparaben, hydrogen peroxide, domiphen bromide, and sometimes fluoride, enzymes, and calcium. Ingredients also include water and sweeteners such as sorbitol, sucralose, sodium saccharine, and xylitol(1). Sometimes, a significant amount of alcohol is added, as a carrier for the flavor, to provide “bite” and to contribute an antibacterial effect.

Commercial mouthwashes usually contain a preservative such as sodium Benzoate to preserve freshness once the container has been opened.(2) Sodium benzoate can be used as an anti-corrosive and preservative in a large variety of personal care products This, verifying commercial mouthwashes are highly effective in killing oral pathogens and has very partial toxic effect. (3)

Andrographis paniculata (AP) is an ancient herb known for its medicinal and therapeutic values. Aqueous extract of AP was used to prepare the herbal mouthwash. (4)The product was tested against selected oral pathogens namely Actinomyces viscosus, Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus mutans, Streptococcus sobrinus, and Porphyromonas gingivalis for its antibacterial activity using the agar well diffusion method. (5)Toxicity analysis was carried out and subjected to cytotoxicity screening using 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay, in vivo study using brine shrimp lethality bioassay, and detection of heavy metals using atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS).(6) Thus, verifying AP herbal mouthwash is partially effective in common oral pathogens and has a non-toxic effect.

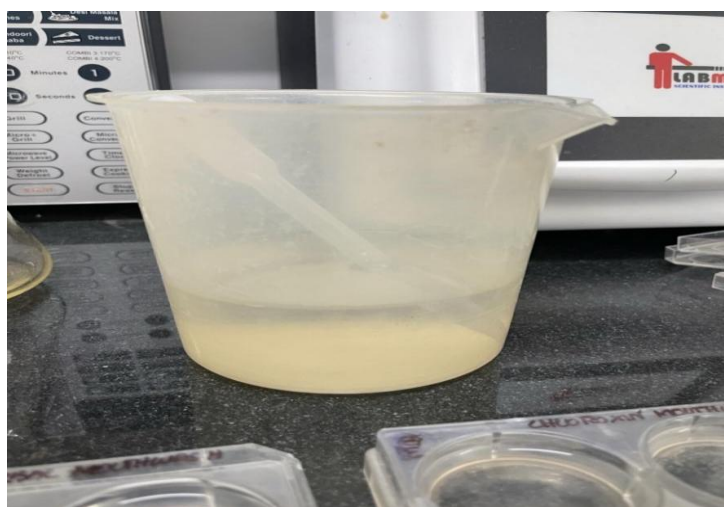
MATERIALS AND METHOD

Brine shrimp lethality assay was performed using the nauplii of a simple zoological organism, Artemia salina according to the study (Aboalola et al., 2020). This method estimates the cytotoxicity activity by measuring

the lethality of the test organism. Artificial seawater was prepared by dissolving 38.2 g of non-iodized sea salt into one liter of distilled water. *Artemia salina* eggs were hatched in the prepared seawater for 24 h. Ten hatched nauplii were transferred into a Petri dish containing 4.5 L seawater and 500 μ L of AP herbal mouthwash. Again Ten hatches nauplii were transferred into a Petri dish containing 500 μ L of commercial mouth. The test was placed in an illuminated room for 24 h. Survivors were counted to calculate the lethality percentage by using the formula; Percentage of mortality (%) = No. of dead nauplii / Total no. of nauplii \times 100.

RESULT

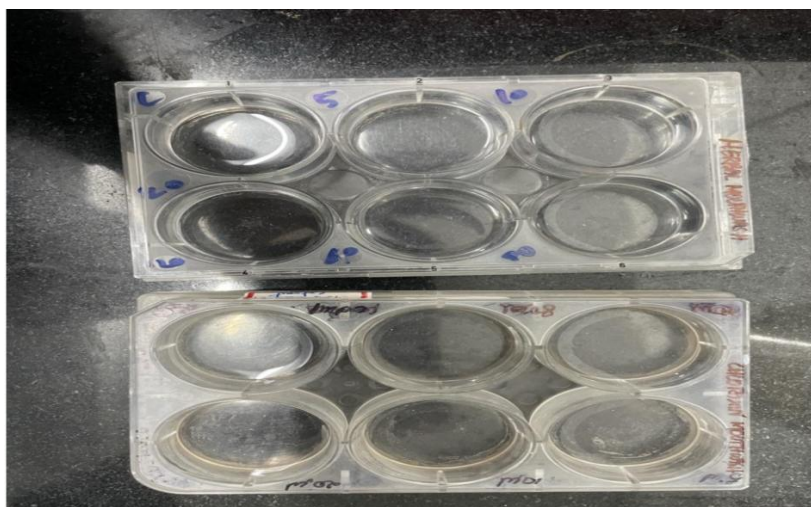
Dental care liquid, the herbal mouthwash used in this study, uses red ginseng extract as a major ingredient. This nonalcoholic mouthwash also contains various herbs and natural products such as *Swertia japonica* extract, *Camellia Sinensis*, Licorice, xylitol, Caramel and menthol. *Artemia salina* eggs were hatched in the prepared seawater for 24 h. Ten hatched nauplii were transferred into a Petri dish containing 4.5 L seawater and 500 μ L of AP herbal mouthwash. Again Ten hatches nauplii were transferred into a Petri dish containing 500 μ L of commercial mouth.



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The comparison of Live and dead nauplius in the Petri dish containing the cytotoxicity and effect of commercial and herbal mouth was observed and identified.



As 10 nauplius were present in each tray, that is 10X6 nauplius were given with 2 different mouthwashes. Herbal mouthwash present trays had more live nauplius, that is 8-9 nauplius were alive in each tray. As in commercial mouthwash 1-2 nauplius were barely alive.

DISCUSSION

In this present study we have compared the cytotoxic activity of herbal mouth wash and commercial mouthwash using brine shrimp. As per the ingredients in the commercial mouthwash there are so many effective ingredients that are more helpful in fighting the bacteria in the mouth, such as Alcohol. Helps to dissolve the oils in some of our mouthwashes.(7)

Sorbitol. Provides hydration and sweetness to enhance the flavor.

Sucralose. Provides sweetness to enhance the flavor.

Sodium Benzoate, Benzoic Acid, Sodium Saccharin, Poloxamer 407.(8)

As far as the comparison of both commercial and herbal mouthwashes herbal mouthwashes can be less toxic but generally less effective also. Their ingredients such as ;Alcohol, water, menthol, green mint oil, peppermint oil, sage oil*, tea tree oil, lavender oil, cinnamon cassava oil, clove oil, lime, linalool, cinnamon, eugenol, contains 85 % alcohol by volume.(9)A non-alcoholic mouthwash such as Pronamel Daily Mouthwash, however, offers several benefits for your smile. Developed with dentists, Pronamel Daily Mouthwash can help protect your teeth against tooth decay* by supporting the re-hardening of tooth enamel.(10)

Three of the most commonly used essential oils in natural mouthwash and other natural mouth care products are peppermint, cinnamon and lavender. (11)Research has proven the efficacy of their antibacterial, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory properties. (12)Current research suggests that herbal mouthwashes are as effective as non-herbal mouthwashes for reducing dental plaque in the short term; however, the evidence is based on low-quality trials. But in this study we observed that there is very little efficacy.(7)

Chlorhexidine(commercial)is the most often prescribed oral mouth rinse, used to reduce the number of bacteria in the mouth. (13)Used as directed by your dentist, Chlorhexidine can reduce certain gum disease-causing bacteria to an almost undetectable level.You can also find rinses, such as LISTERINE® TOTAL CARE Anticavity Mouthwash and LISTERINE SMART RINSE® Anticavity Mouthwash that contain tooth-protecting fluoride to keep your teeth strong and fight off cavities(4).Unlike regular mouthwash, which destroys the balance of microbes in the mouth and often inflames, irritates or harms oral tissues, hydrogen peroxide mouthwash benefits the oral environment.Gargling hydrogen peroxide may be an effective way to sooth a sore throat, disinfect your mouth, and whiten your teeth. Just make sure you dilute it first, and try not to swallow any in the process. If you're hoping to whiten your teeth, try to gargle consistently for several months for the best results. Commercial mouthwashes which give faster results.(14)

The fact that dental professionals choose peroxide over saltwater should tell you one thing: saltwater gargles are fine in a pinch, but hydrogen peroxide rinses are actually preferable. Peroxide rinses mix water with 3% hydrogen peroxide to help clean, brighten, and prevent gum damage.(15)

There are some risks associated with gargling with hydrogen peroxide. Swallowing hydrogen peroxide can irritate the tissues in your throat; swallowing undiluted hydrogen peroxide can even burn the organs of your digestive tract and cause bleeding there. Even with some side effects in commercial mouthwashes with high germ fighting ingredients yet used in the proper way can be controlled and be effective for germ killing.(16)

Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate, in Vitro, the cytotoxicity and efficacy of two kinds of mouthwash respectively commercial and herbal mouthwash and their properties against oral bacteria.

CONCLUSION

In general mouthwashes have been used in daily practice among people. From this study it is concluded that commercial mouthwash is highly recommended to be used as it contains many effective uses and action in oral health. And in future studies we can study the effects of commercial mouthwash. Herbal mouthwash effect was less on nauplius and the death of them.

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