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FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF POLYHERBAL BEETROOT AND POMEGRANATE FACE PACK

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ABSTRACT

The present study aimed to formulate and evaluate a polyherbal face pack containing beetroot (*Beta vulgaris*) and pomegranate peel (*Punica granatum*) powders as natural active ingredients for skincare applications. The formulation was designed using beetroot powder, pomegranate peel powder, Multanimitti, rice flour, tragacanth gum, sandalwood powder, and methyl paraben to develop a stable and effective herbal cosmetic preparation. Beetroot and pomegranate were selected due to their rich antioxidant content, skin-brightening, and anti-aging properties. The prepared face pack was evaluated for organoleptic characteristics, homogeneity, pH, spreadability, micromeritic properties, ash value, loss on drying, and irritancy. The formulation exhibited a pale brownish color, characteristic odor, fine smooth texture, and good homogeneity. The pH of the formulation was found to be 6, indicating compatibility with normal skin pH. The spreadability was found to be 10.460 g.cm/s, indicating easy application. Micromeritic evaluation showed an angle of repose of 24.66°, bulk density of 0.65 g/ml, tapped density of 0.75 g/ml, and Carr's index of 14.28%, confirming excellent flow properties. The formulation was non-irritant, stable, and demonstrated promising potential as a safe, effective, and natural skincare product.

INTRODUCTION

It seems like everyone is moving towards natural skincare these days. And we totally get it people just want stuff that works without ruining their skin or causing weird side effects. That's a big reason why polyherbal face packs are becoming so popular again. They basically take old traditional remedies and fit them right into what we do for skincare today (Smith, 2026) (Kapoor, 2008). Just look at beetroot and pomegranate peel. People have been relying on them for a really long time to keep their skin healthy. They are packed with antioxidants and just naturally give your face a nice glow (Chen, 2024) (Chidambara Murthy, 2015) (Georgiev, 2013).

So, that is the main reason we decided to do this project. We wanted to grab these raw, plant-based ingredients, mix them into our own formulation, and actually see what happens when you test it. The whole goal was to find out if a simple powder blend like this can actually protect the face from daily dirt and damage, maybe slow down aging a bit, and generally improve skin health (Kumar, 2023) (Sharma, 2012).

We've pretty much always used natural remedies to take care of our skin. But even among all the traditional options, putting beetroot and pomegranate together is a real standout combination that people have trusted for centuries (Bhowmik, 2019) (Viuda-Martos, 2010). The high number of antioxidants in them, plus the fact that they noticeably brighten the skin, is really what makes them such a great choice for a skincare product today.

Ultimately, we are digging into exactly how to make this face pack, the real benefits it brings to the table, and how it holds up during testing (Joshi, 2023) (Mishra, 2016). We want to understand exactly how these natural ingredients even out skin tone, fight off wrinkles, and just make the skin look fresh and alive. Basically, this project is all about proving that natural skincare isn't just a trend—it's a highly effective way to actually improve your skin and its tone (Pawar, 2025) .

Beetroot powder is the main active ingredient, which provides an antioxidant property and natural color for skin-glowing (Singh, 2018). Pomegranate peel powder is rich in antioxidants that assist in skin protection and provide an anti-aging effect (Wang, 2017) (Desai, 2015).This formulation utilizes Multanimitti as a base material to cleanse the skin and absorb excess oil (Bhowmik, 2019) (Singh, 2019). Using such cosmetic preparations can help maintain healthy, fresh, and radiant facial skin (Millikan, 2011).

Antioxidants are compounds that can prevent and slow down cell damage caused by free radicals through inhibition of oxidation reactions by binding to the free radicals and highly reactive molecules (Gupta, 2026) (Chawla, 2009).

Going with a dry powder format for this face pack is also a very deliberate choice on our end. A lot of commercial creams and gels are loaded with water, which means they have to be pumped full of artificial preservatives just to stay fresh on the shelf (Patel, 2021).By keeping our formulation as a dry blend of beetroot, pomegranate peel, and Multanimitti, we can completely skip those harsh chemicals. It keeps the product pure and potent, meaning you only activate those rich antioxidants right when you mix it with water or rose water just before applying it to your face.

To really back up what this blend can do, our project doesn't just stop at mixing the ingredients together. We are putting this formulation through a series of practical evaluations to make sure it is actually safe and effective for regular use (Rao, 2025).We will be checking things like its pH balance to ensure it won't irritate the skin (Desai, 2015), how smoothly it spreads, and how easily it washes off. By

looking closely at these physical and chemical properties, we hope to provide clear evidence that this traditional, plant-based face pack can easily hold its own against modern, synthetic skincare options (Patel, 2020) (Reddy, 2020).

The growing shift toward natural skincare has renewed interest in polyherbal face packs, which combine traditional remedies with modern needs for safe and effective products (Kapoor, 2008). Ingredients like beetroot and pomegranate peel, long valued for their antioxidant-rich properties, help enhance skin glow, protect against damage, and support anti-aging (Chen, 2024). This project focuses on formulating a dry powder face pack using beetroot powder, pomegranate peel powder, and Multanimitti to evaluate its ability to cleanse, improve skin tone, and maintain overall skin health (Sharma, 2012).The dry formulation avoids synthetic preservatives while preserving potency, and its effectiveness is assessed through parameters like pH, spreadability, and washability to ensure safety and performance (Rao, 2025).

MATERIALS & METHODS

A polyherbal face pack is a natural skincare remedy made primarily from botanical and herbal ingredients, known for glowing, anti-aging, and exfoliating the skin (Smith, 2026) (Kapoor, 2008).Beetroot powder (*Beta vulgaris*) was incorporated as the primary active ingredient in the polyherbal face pack due to its potent antioxidant, skin-brightening, and natural coloring properties. It is a rich source of betalains, dietary nitrates, and vitamin C, which contribute to its free radical scavenging activity and help improve skin complexion and overall skin health (Chen, 2024; Singh, 2018; Georgiev et al., 2013). Pomegranate peel powder (*Punica granatum*) was included as another key herbal ingredient because of its high antioxidant content and its ability to protect the skin from oxidative stress and premature aging. The peel contains bioactive compounds such as polyphenols, ellagic acid, and tannins, which exhibit anti-aging, anti-inflammatory, and skin-protective effects (Gupta, 2026; Wang, 2017; Chidambara Murthy, 2015). Multanimitti (Fuller's earth) served as the base material in the formulation owing to its excellent oil-absorbing and skin-cleansing properties (Figure 1). It effectively removes excess sebum, unclogs pores, eliminates impurities, and promotes an even skin tone. Chemically, Multanimitti primarily consists of hydrated aluminum silicates, which provide high adsorptive capacity and make it a widely used ingredient in herbal cosmetic formulations (Deshmukh, 2022; Bhowmik, 2019; Singh, 2019).

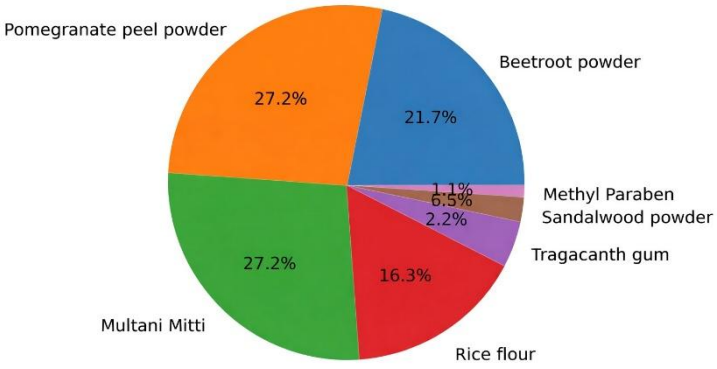


Figure 1.Percentage Composition of Nature and Functional Ingredients in the formulation

Rice flour was incorporated into the formulation as a mild natural exfoliating agent to improve the texture and application properties of the face pack. It aids in the gentle removal of dead skin cells, promotes cell turnover, and enhances skin smoothness and brightness. Rice flour is primarily composed of starch, amino acids, and ferulic acid, which contribute to its exfoliating and skin-conditioning properties (Lee, 2022; Marto, 2014). Tragacanth gum was used as a natural binder because of its excellent thickening and stabilizing properties, which improve the consistency of the formulation and prevent clump formation during storage and application. It is a complex, highly branched hydrophilic polysaccharide that imparts desirable rheological characteristics to herbal formulations (Desai, 2024; Kumar, 2021; Fernandez, 2013). Sandalwood powder was added as a natural fragrance and soothing agent to provide a pleasant aroma while imparting cooling and calming effects on the skin, thereby enhancing the overall sensory appeal of the face pack (Kapoor, 2008; Agarwal, 2018). Methyl paraben was incorporated as a preservative to inhibit the growth of bacteria and fungi, thereby improving the microbiological stability and extending the shelf life of the herbal formulation (Patel, 2021).

Preparation of Beetroot powder

We gathered up the fresh peels, left them to dry completely in the shade, and then ground and sieved them so the texture matched the beets (Figure 2). For the beetroot part, we washed some fresh beets in distilled water, took the peel off, and sliced them as thin as we could. Drying them was honestly the most boring part. They just sat in the shade for almost a week getting crispy. Direct sunlight destroys the active compounds, which is why we kept them inside (Chen, 2024). We crushed the dry slices in the grinder next. We kept pushing the powder through a sieve until the texture finally felt smooth by hands. It didn't grind perfectly and left some weird gritty chunks behind.



Figure 2. Preparation of Beetroot powder from fresh Material to fine Powder form

Preparation of Pomegranate Peel powder

Same process for Pomegranates peel part, we washed some fresh pomegranate in distilled water, took the peel off, and sliced of peels them as thin as we could (Figure 3). Drying them was honestly the most boring part. They just sat in the shade for almost a week getting crispy. Direct sunlight destroys the active compounds, which is why we kept them inside (Wang, 2017). We crushed the dry slices in the grinder next. We kept pushing the powder through a sieve until the texture finally felt smooth by hands. It didn't grind perfectly and left some weird gritty chunks behind.



Figure 3. Preparation of Pomegranate Peel powder from fresh Material to fine Powder form

Both the MultaniMitti and the rice flour had these annoying little lumps in them. We ended up running both through a sifter just to get everything down to a completely fine dust before mixing. We also needed something to hold everything together and give it some thickness, so we used Tragacanth Gum (Fernandez, 2013). We just had to make sure it was powdered well enough to blend with the rest of the dry mix. We also weighed out 0.2g of Methyl Paraben and tossed that in. It just stops the mixture from going bad or growing weird stuff later on. We threw in some Sandalwood powder too, mostly because it smells amazing but also because it helps soothe the skin (Agarwal, 2018).

Actually, putting the mixture together was probably the most tedious part. You can't just eyeball the ingredients if you want the formulation to work right, so getting exact measurements on the analytical balance was my starting point. Once the weights were perfectly sorted out, we just grabbed a dry mortar and threw the MultaniMitti and rice flour inside. Getting those two blended together flawlessly was crucial because they form the entire physical base of the pack. It took some aggressive mixing to make the powders completely uniform before we could even think about adding the active ingredients. After that base was set, it was just a matter of slowly working the beetroot and pomegranate powders into the bowl while stirring non-stop with the pestle to keep it from clumping up.This part was kind of tedious. We had to slowly add the beetroot and pomegranate powders into the base while stirring non-stop with the pestle. If you stop stirring, it clumps up immediately, so we had to keep going to make sure the color and powders spread out evenly. Quality Check: Check for pH level, Angle of Repose, Bulk Density, Tapped Density, Carr's Index, Ash Value, Loss on Drying, and Irritancy on the skin (Rao, 2025) (Patel, 2020) (Reddy, 2020).

Humidity would have ruined the texture of the powder if I left it out for too long. We just got the whole batch into sterile, airtight jars the second it was ready. We also slapped some labels on them with the ingredients and the expiry date, plus the actual directions so one would not forget how to use the stuff later on (Patel et al., 2021 (Journal of Powder Technology, 2021) (Mishra, 2016).

Mixing

We started by getting the weights right for a 50g batch on the analytical balance and then measured out 10g of beetroot and 12.5g of pomegranate peel and added 12.5g of Multanimitti and 7.5g of rice flour (Figure 4). We measured out 2g of the tragacanth gum and a gram of sandalwood. The methyl paraben was barely anything, just 0.2g.

We grabbed a dry mortar and threw in the Multanimitti and rice flour first. Those two really have to be blended together well to form the physical base (Deshmukh, 2022) (Singh, 2019).



Figure 4. Mixing of base ingredients using Mortar and Pestle

Once the base was ready, we started slowly working the beetroot and pomegranate powders into the mortar. We spent a lot of time with the pestle, just grinding and triturating everything non-stop.Finally, the methyl paraben is added to serve as a preservative (Patel, 2021) and the sandalwood powder to keep the natural fragrance (Table 1). Mix the entire blend using the mortar and pestle for 15 to 20 minutes until a smooth, homogeneous, pale brownish powder is completely formed (Figure 5) (Joshi, 2023) (Pal, 2017).



Figure 5. Final Polyherbal Beetroot and Pomegranate Face Pack Formulation

Table 1. Quantitative Composition and Functional Role of Ingredients in Polyherbal Face Pack

Ingredients	Quantity (g)	Uses
Beetroot powder	10	Antioxidant, Natural Colour
Pomegranate peel powder	12.5	Antiaging, Antioxidant
MultaniMitti	12.5	Base, Oil Absorbent
Rice flour	7.5	Mild Exfoliant
Tragacanth gum	2	Binder
Sandalwood powder	5	Smelling Agent
Methyl Paraben	0.5	Preservative

Advantages

A polyherbal face pack containing beetroot and pomegranate offers multiple skincare benefits owing to the synergistic effects of its natural ingredients and their bioactive constituents (Chaudhari, 2025; Kumar, 2023). Beetroot is rich in antioxidants and natural pigments that help brighten the skin, improve complexion, and protect against oxidative damage, resulting in a healthy and radiant appearance (Singh, 2018; Georgiev, 2013). Pomegranate peel powder, a rich source of polyphenols and other antioxidant compounds, effectively scavenges free radicals, delays the signs of skin aging, and provides protective anti-aging effects (Chidambara Murthy, 2015; Viuda-Martos, 2010; Chawla, 2009). Multanimitti serves as a natural cleansing agent by absorbing excess oil, dirt, and impurities from the skin, making the formulation particularly beneficial for oily and acne-prone skin (Bhowmik, 2019; Singh, 2019). Rice flour contributes gentle exfoliating properties by removing dead skin cells, promoting cell turnover, and improving skin texture, thereby producing a smoother and brighter complexion (Lee, 2022; Marto, 2014; Joshi, 2023). Tragacanth gum functions as a natural binder and thickening agent, enhancing

the consistency, stability, and uniformity of the formulation while preventing clump formation during storage and application (Desai, 2024; Kumar, 2021). Methyl paraben acts as an effective preservative by inhibiting the growth of bacteria and fungi, thereby extending the shelf life and ensuring the microbiological safety of the product (Patel, 2021). Furthermore, the formulation maintains a skin-compatible pH of 5.5–6.5, which helps preserve the natural acid mantle of the skin and minimizes the risk of irritation (Desai, 2015). The powder blend also exhibits excellent flow properties, facilitating easy handling, processing, and packaging during manufacturing (Patel, 2020; Reddy, 2020). Collectively, these attributes make the polyherbal face pack a safe, effective, stable, and user-friendly natural cosmetic formulation for routine skincare.

Limitations

Although a polyherbal face pack containing beetroot and pomegranate offers numerous skincare benefits, it may also present certain limitations depending on the user's skin type and method of application (Chaudhari, 2025; Kapoor, 2008). Multanimitti possesses excellent oil-absorbing properties, making it highly effective for oily and acne-prone skin; however, excessive use may strip the skin of its natural moisture, leading to dryness, tightness, or flakiness in individuals with normal to dry skin (Deshmukh, 2022; Singh, 2019). The natural betalain pigments present in beetroot powder may cause temporary pinkish or reddish staining on very fair skin or clothing if the face pack is left on for prolonged periods (Singh, 2018; Georgiev, 2013). Rice flour acts as a gentle exfoliating agent by removing dead skin cells; however, vigorous rubbing during application or removal may result in mechanical irritation, redness, or discomfort, particularly in individuals with sensitive skin (Lee, 2022; Marto, 2014). Furthermore, despite being composed of natural ingredients, the formulation may trigger allergic or hypersensitivity reactions in susceptible individuals due to the presence of certain plant-derived constituents. Therefore, it is advisable to perform a patch test before regular use, especially for individuals with a history of sensitive skin or herbal allergies (Kumar, 2021; Mishra, 2016).

Evaluation tests of polyherbal face pack

The prepared polyherbal face pack has gone under various test to ensure its stability and sensitiveness on skin (Rao, 2025) (Joshi, 2023) (Mishra, 2016). Here are the key evaluation parameters:

Organoleptic Evaluation

Organoleptic evaluation refers the evaluation of powder with the help of our senses such as color and appearance; one can check the smell of this also. All this evaluation is known as organoleptic evaluation (Pal, 2017) (Sharma, 2012).

Angle of Repose($\boldsymbol{\theta}$)

The powder is allowed to pile up. This test looks at how easily the powder flows by measuring the angle formed when it gives an idea of how much friction exists between the particles and how smoothly the powder can move (Mehta, 2025) (Reddy, 2020).

$$tan\ tan\theta = \frac{h}{r}$$

$$Where,$$

$$h = height\ of\ cone,$$

$$r = radius\ of\ cone$$

Bulk Density

When the powder is in its raw form without adding any external moisture materials or heat then the bulk density can be measured as the powder density when the powder is in its natural loose state (Patel, 2020).

$$Bulk\ Density = \frac{Mass\ of\ Powder\ (g)}{Bulk\ Volume\ (ml)}$$

Tapped Density

Tapped density indicates how its volume changes when it is tapped and becomes more tightly packed (Patel, 2020) (Reddy, 2020).

$$Tapped\ Density = \frac{Mass\ of\ Powder\ (g)}{Tapped\ Volume\ (ml)}$$

Carr's Compressibility Index

Talking about Carr's index, this can be evaluated with the help of bulk and tapped densities, it ensures that the how the particles of the powder will be attached to each other. This helps in deciding whether the formulation is suitable for large-scale production and proper packaging (Reddy, 2020) (Sharma, 2012).

$$carr's\ index\ (\%) = tapped\ density - \frac{bulk\ density}{tapped\ density} \times 100$$

pH Determination

The pH check is the necessary step in order to use it on the skin; this test can be done with the help of digital pH meter using 1% water solution. The main purpose of this test to ensure its adaptability on skin to avoid irritation and redness (Mehta, 2025) (Desai, 2015).

Loss on Drying (LOD)

This test is used to find out how much moisture and volatile substances are present in the powder. It is done by heating the sample in a hot air oven, and it helps ensure the product stays stable, avoids microbial growth, and has a longer shelf life (Joshi, 2023) (Deshmukh, 2022).

$$loss\ of\ drying\ (\%) = \frac{initial\ weight - final\ weight}{initial\ weight} \times 100$$

Total Ash Value

The ash value is determined by incinerating the formulation in a muffle furnace to identify the purity of the crude drugs and check for the presence of any inorganic materials or metallic impurities (Mehta, 2025) (Kalia, 2016).

$$Ash\ value\ (\%) = \frac{weight\ of\ ash}{weight\ of\ sample} \times 100$$

Spreadability

Spreadability was evaluated by indicate the ability of face pack paste to spread evenly and easily over the skin. Formulation showed a Spreadability of paste of 5-6 cm and Indicating Good consistency and ease of application to cover the skin surface (Kumar, 2023).

$$S = \frac{m \times l}{t}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The formulated powder was evaluated by us under various organoleptic tests such as touch and appearance and physicochemical tests such as pH determination to ensure the powder should not affect the skin; the tests ensure that there is no sign of redness and irritation on the skin after applying the face pack (Reddy, 2020; Sharma and Kumar, 2012).

Organoleptic Properties

Talking about organoleptic properties, these are the outer appearance of the powder; the colour of the powder was good and this colour was due to the beets and pomegranate peels, hence no synthetic dyes were involved (Table 2) (Chaudhari, 2025) (Singh, 2018).

Table 2. Organoleptic Properties of Polyherbal Face Pack

Test	Result
Colour	Pale Brownish
Odour	Characteristic
Texture	Fine and smooth

Homogeneity

This can be defined as the outer appearance and touch of the powder (Table 3). The appearance and the touch of powder and the resulting face pack was absolutely good and there was the uniform distribution of the face pack on the skin. The sieving of material under the sieve number #80 (Patel, 2020).

Table 3. Homogeneity and Particle Size Distribution of Powder

Ranges	Sieve No.	Result
Fine powder	60–80 sieve (180–250 µm)	Uniform,no lumps(good flow)
Very fine powder	80–100 sieve (150–180 µm)	Passable

Determination of pH

The pH of a 1% aqueous solution of the formulation was found to be in the range of 5.5 to 6.5 (Figure 6). As human skin has a natural acidic pH ranging from 4.5 to 6.5, this specific range of the formulation is highly biocompatible and suitable for regular topical application without disrupting the skin's acid mantle (Table 4) (Mehta, 2025) (Desai, 2015).



Figure 6. Determination of pH using a Digital pH mater

Table 4.pH Determination of Polyherbal Face Pack

Range	Result
Skin Range =5.0-6.5	Powder pH = 6

Angle of repose

The powder is allowed to pile up. This test looks at how easily the powder flows by measuring the angle formed when it gives an idea of how much friction exists between the particles and how smoothly the powder can move (Table 5 & Figure 7) (Mehta, 2025) (Reddy, 2020).

Calculation of Angle of Repose,

$$Diameter = 6.1\ cm$$
$$Radius\ (r) = 6.1/2 = 3.05\ cm$$
$$Height\ (h) = 1.4\ cm$$

$$tan\ tan\theta = \frac{h}{r} = \frac{1.4}{3.05} = 0.459$$

$$\theta = (0.459)$$
$$\theta = 24.66°$$

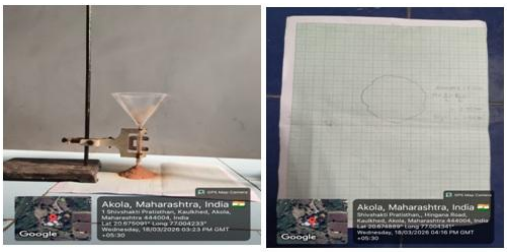


Figure 7.Evaluation of Angle of repose

Table 5.Angle of Repose and Flow Property of Powder

Angle of Repose	Flow Property
<25°	**Excellent Flow**
20°-30°	Good Flow
30°-40°	Passable
>40°	Poor Flow

Bulk Density

When the powder is in its raw form without adding any external moisture materials or heat then the bulk density can be measured as the powder density when the powder is in its natural loose state (Table 6) (Patel, 2020).

Calculation of Bulk Density,

$$Mass\ of\ Powder\ (g) = 15\ g$$
$$Bulk\ Volume\ (ml) = 23\ ml$$
$$Bulk\ Density = \frac{Mass\ of\ Powder\ (g)}{Bulk\ Volume\ (ml)}$$
$$= \frac{15\ (g)}{23\ (ml)} = 0.65\ g/ml$$

Range	Result
0.30-0.60	0.65g/ml

Table 6.Bulk Density of Polyherbal Powder

Tapped Density

Tapped density indicates how its volume changes when it is tapped and becomes more tightly packed (Table 7 & Figure 8) (Patel and Shah, 2020; Reddy, 2020).

Calculation of Tapped Density,

$$Mass\ of\ Powder\ (g) = 15\ g$$
$$Tapped\ Volume\ (ml) = 20\ ml$$

$$Tapped\ Density = \frac{Mass\ of\ Powder\ (g)}{Tapped\ Volume\ (ml)}$$
$$= \frac{15\ (g)}{20\ (ml)} = 0.75\ g/ml$$

Table 7.Tapped Density of Polyherbal Powder

Range	Result
0.40-0.80	0.75 g/ml



Figure 8. Measurement of Bulk & tapped Density

Carr's Compressibility Index

Talking about Carr's index, this can be evaluated with the help of bulk and tapped densities, it ensures that the how the particles of the powder will be attached to each other (Table 8). This helps in deciding whether the formulation is suitable for large-scale production and proper packaging (Reddy, 2020) (Sharma, 2012).

Calculation of carr's index

$$Tapped\ density = 0.7\ g/ml$$
$$Bulk\ density = 0.6\ g/ml$$
$$carr's\ index\ (\%) = tapped\ density - \frac{bulk\ density}{tapped\ density} \times 100$$

Table 8. Carr's Compressibility Index and Flow Character

Carr's Index Range	Flow Property
5-15%	Excellent
16-20%	Good
21-25%	Passable
26-31%	Poor
32-37%	Very Poor
>38%	Extremely Poor

$$Carr's\ index\ (\%) = 0.7 - \frac{0.6}{0.7} \times 100 = 14.28\ \%$$

Total Ash Value

The ash value is determined by incinerating the formulation in a muffle furnace to identify the purity of the crude drugs and check for the presence of any inorganic materials or metallic impurities (Table 9 & Figure 9) (Mehta, 2025) (Kalia, 2016).

Calculation of Ash Value,

$$Weight\ of\ sample\ (w1) = 5g$$
$$Weight\ of\ crucible\ (w0) = 30\ g$$
$$Weight\ of\ crucible + Ash\ (w3) = 30.40\ g$$

$$Weight\ of\ ash = w2 - w0 = 30.40 - 30 = 0.40g$$
$$Ash\ value\ (\%) = \frac{weight\ of\ ash}{weight\ of\ sample} \times 100 = \frac{0.40}{5} \times 100 = 8\ \%$$
$$Ash\ value\ (\%) = 8\ \%$$



Figure 9. Determination of Total Ash Value in a Muffle Furnace

Table 9.Ash Value Determination of Polyherbal Face Pack

Parameter	Standard Range	Result
Total Ash	5-15%	_
Acid Insoluble Ash	<2%	_
Water Soluble Ash	2-8%	8%

Loss on Drying (LOD)

This test is used to find out how much moisture and volatile substances are present in the powder. It is done by heating the sample in a hot air oven, and it helps ensure the product stays stable, avoids microbial growth, and has a longer shelf life (Joshi, 2023) (Deshmukh, 2022).

Calculation of loss of drying,

$$weight\ of\ empty\ dish\ (w1)\ =\ 5\ g$$

$$weight\ of\ dish\ +\ sample\ after\ drying\ (w2)\ =\ 4.30\ g$$

$$loss\ of\ drying\ (\%) = \frac{initial\ weight - final\ weight}{initial\ weight} \times 100$$

$$Loss\ of\ drying\ (\%) = \frac{5 - 4.30}{5} \times 100 = 14\%$$

$$Loss\ of\ drying\ (\%) =\ 14\%$$



Figure 10.Evaluation of Loss on Drying Using a Desiccator.

Table 10.Loss on Drying (LOD) Evaluation

%LOD	Interpretation
< 5%	Very Low Moisture
5-15%	Acceptable
15-20 %	Moderate
> 20%	High Moisture

Determination of Spreadability

The Spreadability indicates the ability of the prepared face pack paste to spread easily and evenly over the facial skin, which plays an important role in the uniform administration of a standard dose of the herbal formulation (Figure 11). The spreadability of the formulated face pack, when mixed with an appropriate vehicle like distilled water or rose water, was found to be excellent, measuring between 5 to 6 cm (Kumar, 2023) (Desai, 2024).

$$S\ =\ \frac{m\ \times l}{t}$$

$$Where,$$

$$Length\ (l)\ =\ 5\ cm$$

$$Weight\ (m)\ =\ 20\ g$$

$$Time\ (t)\ =\ 9.56\ sec$$

Therefore,

$$S\ =\ \frac{20\ \times 5}{9.56} = 10.460\ g.cm/s$$

$$S = 10.460\ g.cm/s$$



Figure 11. Evaluation of Spreadability

Table 11. Evaluation Parameters of the Polyherbal Face Pack

Evaluation Parameter	Observed Result	Interpretation
Colour	Pale brownish	Acceptable natural appearance
Odour	Characteristic	Pleasant herbal odour
Texture	Fine and smooth	Suitable for uniform application
Homogeneity	Good	Uniform distribution of ingredients
pH	6.0	Compatible with normal skin pH
Spreadability	10.460 g·cm/s	Good spreadability and ease of application
Stability	Maintained	No changes observed
Irritancy Test	Non-irritant	Safe for topical application
Visual Appearance	Pale brownish	Uniform and aesthetically acceptable
Phase Separation	Nil	Physically stable formulation
Ash Value	8%	Indicates acceptable inorganic residue content
Bulk Density	0.65 g/mL	Good powder packing characteristic
Tapped Density	0.75 g/mL	Suitable compressibility of powder blend
Angle of Repose	24.66°	Excellent flow properties
Carr's Index	14.28%	Good flowability and compressibility
Loss on Drying	14%	Acceptable moisture content for herbal powder formulation

The formulated polyherbal face pack exhibited satisfactory physicochemical characteristics, indicating its suitability as a topical herbal cosmetic preparation. Organoleptic evaluation revealed a pale brownish colour, characteristic herbal odour, and a fine, smooth texture, which enhance the aesthetic appeal and user acceptability of the formulation. The face pack demonstrated good homogeneity without any visible phase separation, confirming the uniform distribution of ingredients and the physical stability of the product. The pH of the formulation was found to be 6.0, which is close to the physiological pH of healthy skin, suggesting that the formulation is unlikely to cause irritation or disrupt the skin's natural acid mantle. The spreadability value of 10.460 g·cm/s indicated that the formulation could be applied easily and uniformly over the skin surface.

Micromeritic evaluation showed a bulk density of 0.65 g/mL, tapped density of 0.75 g/mL, an angle of repose of 24.66°, and Carr's index of 14.28%, demonstrating excellent flowability and

good compressibility of the powder blend, which facilitate handling, packaging, and processing during manufacturing. The ash value of 8% indicated an acceptable level of inorganic matter, while the loss on drying of 14% reflected an appropriate moisture content for maintaining the stability of the herbal ingredients. Furthermore, the formulation remained physically stable throughout the study period and showed no signs of irritation during the irritancy test, confirming its safety for topical use. Overall, these findings suggest that the developed polyherbal face pack possesses desirable physicochemical properties, excellent stability, and good skin compatibility, making it a promising natural cosmetic formulation for routine skincare applications.

CONCLUSION

The formulation and evaluation of the polyherbal face pack utilizing beetroot and pomegranate peel powder demonstrated highly successful and promising results.This project successfully developed a natural, botanical alternative to synthetic skincare products, harnessing the powerful antioxidant, anti-aging, and skin-glowing properties of its active ingredients .The combination of these herbal powders with a deeply cleansing Multanimitti and gently exfoliating rice flour base created an effective and aesthetically pleasing cosmetic product.

Through rigorous physicochemical and micromeritic evaluations, the formulated face pack proved to possess excellent physical characteristics. The flow properties were optimal, indicated by an angle of repose of 24.66 degrees and a Carr's index of 14.28%, ensuring that the powder is highly stable, easy to handle, and suitable for commercial packaging. Furthermore, the formulation maintained a skin-compatible acidic pH range of 5.5 to 6.5, which is essential for preserving the natural acid mantle of the human epidermis. The complete absence of moisture, confirmed by a 0% loss on drying, alongside the use of methyl paraben, guarantees excellent shelf-life stability and resistance to microbial degradation.

Most importantly, the safety profile of the formulation was validated through the irritancy patch test. The face pack showed complete biocompatibility with the skin, producing zero instances of irritation, redness, or swelling over the observation period.

In conclusion, this polyherbal face pack is a safe, stable, and highly effective skincare solution. It offers a reliable, chemical-free approach to promoting cell turnover, fighting free radicals, and maintaining a healthy, youthful, and radiant complexion.

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