

Formulation and Evaluation of Herbal cream for the treatment of Vaginal Candidiasis

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Abstract

Gynecological disorders are very common in women and are due to many factors which may include weak immune system, imbalance in body hormones, high sugar intake in food, regular or frequent use of antibiotics, improper hygiene, physical/mental stress, some microbial infections., bacteria and yeasts cause fungal or other major infections of the delicate female genitalia. According to Ayurvedic literature, many herbs are used to treat female disorders, although proper documentation and validation needs to be established. One of the main fungi that cause vaginal candidiasis infections is Candida species. It deserves more and more special attention in the medical community. Despite the presence of Candida species as human communicators, alarming rates of local and systemic infections have been observed, varying from moderate to severe effects. The present work aimed to formulate and evaluate herbal cream containing hydroalcoholic extract of *Ipomea cairica* Linn. The extracts of the root of selected plant was used to make herbal cream and was compared with a standard anti-fungal drug formulation. The results showed that the prepared herbal cream showed superior and significant antifungal activity. More studies need to be established to deepen the knowledge on this field focusing on clinical trials to provide safer and more effective anti-fungal than the current studies widely used to treat vaginal candidiasis.

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Introduction

Vaginal candidiasis is the second most common vaginal infection and it if so frequent that after using allopathic herb female tends to use herbal medication. It accounts for a quarter and about 85-95% are due to fungus *Candida albicans*. It has been noticed and recorded that about 75% of females pursue with vaginal candidiasis once in her life time, and about 50% twice and 5% women's 4 times in a year. [1-3] Several researcher have studied the potential of synthetic drugs in the treatment of diseases. [4-6]. Also, there is great interest in Plant-derived extracts and their

