

Moringa Oleifera and Bougainvillea Glabra: A Contemporary Approach Towards Skin Care

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ABSTRACT

The desire for skin care solutions that can instantly improve one's appearance is rising quickly today. This has pushed certain ingredients to cut corners by adding dangerous substances to skincare products, which has over time led to harmful skin effects. Instead, adding a face serum to your daily skincare regimen can make a big difference. The study's objective is to create and assess a herbal face serum made from extracts of the plants *Moringa oleifera* and *Bougainvillea glabra*. The serum has the capacity to quickly absorb and reach deeper layers of skin. It has a non-greasy, concentrated recipe with a lot of active ingredients. The purpose of this effort was to develop an anti-acne, anti-wrinkle, and anti-aging solution based on this composition. Considering these qualities, the objective was to develop a serum utilizing a *Moringa oleifera* and *Bougainvillea glabra*. *Moringa oleifera* L. (Moringaceae) has been used as traditional medicines in many tropical and subtropical countries. Squeezing, decoction,

maceration, percolation and Soxhlet extraction were used to extract fresh and dried leaves of *M. oleifera*. Maceration and Soxhlet extraction were used to extract dried bracts of *Bougainvillea glabra*. Distilled water was used in squeezing and decoction, while ethanol was used in the other methods. The face serum's physicochemical properties, pH, phase separation, and homogeneity were evaluated. The phase separation, homogeneity, and physical appearance did not alter, according to the stability investigation's findings.

Keywords: *Moringa oleifera*, *Bougainvillea glabra*, anti-acne, anti-aging, face serum.

I. INTRODUCTION

Serum are type of skin care product with a moisturizing consistency that has the ability to enter the skin more deeply and release active components. A good skin Serum may provide your skin a firmer, smoother texture, make pores appear smaller and increase moisture levels. Whether it is moisturizer, anti-wrinkle or anti-aging product or

skin serum, all these products should contain antioxidants, cell-communicating ingredients and skin-identical ingredients. All skin type needs these ingredients to be as healthy as possible. Cosmetic Serum is a highly concentrated product based on water or oil. Serums, or concentrates, contain approximately ten times more of biologically active substances than creams, therefore quicker and more effectively coping with cosmetic problems. Serums act locally upon different body parts: face, neck, decollete, eyelids. They can be used irrespective of age. *M. oleifera* leaf extract with the highest content of total phenolics, total flavonoids among their major active compounds, and the highest antioxidant activity. The genus *Bougainvillea* is a very widespread group throughout the world. The antibacterial action of various extracts of *Bougainvillea glabra* 'Choicy' leaves may indicate their potential as antibacterial remedies. The demand for cosmetic items has increased as a result of the rising expense of living worldwide. One of the most significant economic resources is the Malaysian-based cosmetics business. Cosmetics have become increasingly valuable as society's desire to look and feel young and attractive has grown. As skin care product known as serum comprises a gel, light moisturizer, or lotion and has the power to deeply enter the skin to deliver active ingredients. A decent skin serum could provide your skin elasticity, a smooth texture, smaller-looking pores, and more hydration.

Activities

➤ **Anti-bacterial property**
Due to its antibacterial properties, *Moringa oleifera* is helpful in preventing acne breakout on your skin. It also helps in removing blemishes, dark spots, pimples and blackheads. *Moringa* will help in purifying your blood and removing toxins from the body. As the accumulation of toxins can result in acne and pimples, it keeps your skin clear. Furthermore, it helps to reduce the large open pores that you may have on your skin. As it boosts collagen production, your skin is tightened and pores are reduced. Ethanol extract of *Bougainvillea glabra* is effective against several bacterial strains.

➤ **Anti-aging property**
There are two main groups of agents that can be used as anti-

aging component, the antioxidant and cell regulators. The antioxidants such as vitamins, polyphenols and flavonoids, reduce collagen degradation by reducing the concentration of free radicals. Vitamin C, B3 and E are the most important antioxidants because of their ability to penetrate the skin through their small molecular weight. As it is packed with antioxidants, it prevents free radical damage. This is extremely important as free radical damage harms your skin tissues, which leads to the formation of wrinkles.

➤ **Anti-oxidant property**
The main characteristics of an anti-oxidant is its ability to trap free radicals. Antioxidant compounds like phenolic acids, polyphenols and flavonoids scavenge free radicals such as peroxidase, hydroperoxide or lipid peroxyl and thus inhibit the oxidative mechanisms that lead to degenerative diseases. The anti-oxidant property in *Moringa oleifera* works by inhibiting the acne-causing bacteria which helps in the management of acne and pimples. The antioxidant property in *Bougainvillea glabra* helps in preventing acne, oily skin and other skin diseases.

➤ **Skin whitening**
When the skin is lacking the water, the skin brightening active ingredient cannot penetrate cut and is absorbed by skin cell. This leads to skin looking dull and the skin moisturizing is very important part of skin whitening. It helps to achieve skin brightening more easily. Therefore, adding moisturizing ingredients in skin brightening product will improve skin whitening efficiency. The vitamins and minerals present in the herbs will naturally lighten and nourish the skin.

Methods and preparation

Extraction of *moringa oleifera*

Maceration:

Maceration is previously used in wine-making techniques and has become extensively used in plant extraction studies. The plant materials (coarse or powdered) were soaked for at least three days at room temperature in solvents such as methanol, acetone, or ethanol, with regular agitation. Filtration was used to filter the mixture after three days. Vongsak et al., (2013) used the maceration procedure on *Moringa* leaves, which involved macerating the dried powdered leaves with 70% ethanol (1:40, w/v) for 72 hours at ambient temperature with intermittent shaking. The extract was filtered, and the marc (extraction residue) was extracted again using the same method and solvent

until the extraction was finished. The maceration technique requires longer extraction duration to obtain a high yield of total phenolic content. Besides, a high amount of solvent used in the extraction process also requires proper management of waste.

Decoction of fresh leaves (DF):

The fresh leaves were minced into small pieces, boiled with distilled water (1:10, w/v) at 100

°C for 30 min and filtered through a Whatman No. 1 filter paper. The marc was repeatedly extracted until exhausted.

Decoction of dried leaves (DD):

The dried powdered leaves were boiled with distilled water (1:10, w/v) at 100 °C for 30 min and then filtered. The marc was re-extracted until exhaustion.

Soxhlet Extraction:

Soxhlet extraction has been a standard technique for extraction for over a century. The ground material is placed in a thimble filled with solvent for extraction purposes in this protocol. When the liquid reaches the overflow level, a siphon aspirates it from the thimble and unloads it back into the distillation flask with the extracted phytochemical. As this process is continuous, the method will be continued until the extraction is complete. Furthermore, when the sample is continually brought into contact with fresh sections of the extractants, the mass transfer equilibrium is displaced. *Moringa oleifera* crude has been previously extracted using the Soxhlet process which involved placing dried leaves on a thimble and extracting with 70% ethanol and solvent ratio of 1:50, w/v. The extraction was done five times until it was exhausted. The combined extract from each extraction process is filtered in the last step, and the filtered residue is dried at 50°C under decreased pressure.

Microwave-Assisted Extraction (MAE):

Microwave-assisted extraction (MAE) is a modern method that has become interesting to researchers for its capability. The MAE uses microwave energy to help analytes from plant material partition into the solvent. MAE improves extraction kinetics and minimizes solvent consumption for more effective extraction. Subsequently, the solutes will separate from the plant matrix and diffuse in the solvent. The transfer of the analytes from the matrix to the solvent is achieved by the diffusion and convection processes.

The microwave oven works at a frequency of 2.45 Hz with a wavelength of 12.2 cm and extracts phenolic chemicals from *Moringa oleifera* leaves. After the irradiation of the microwave, the mixture of the extract was cooled before the filtration. The antioxidant and phenolic content of the components were quantified after the ethanolic extract was purified and lyophilized to dryness under ideal circumstances. Under the optimum conditions with 35% ethanol solvent, the total phenolic content was 16.5 mg GAE per g of the dried *Moringa oleifera* leaves.

Ultrasound-Assisted Extraction (UAE):

In recent years, ultrasound-assisted extraction (UAE) has been used in extracting bioactive compounds from plants on a laboratory scale and industrial scale. Ultrasound frequencies ranging from 20 to 2000 kHz are used in UAE. UAE has extracted a variety of bioactive chemicals using water and ethanol-water as solvents. The mechanical energy will form cavities in the liquid. The collapse of biological cell walls occurs when bubbles expand due to energy absorption, facilitating the release of chemicals and increasing mass transit of solvents into plant cells. A study by Rodríguez-Pérez reported that the extraction of crude *Moringa oleifera* extracts using 25 mL of solvents for 15 minutes extraction at room temperature produced higher phenolic content using UAE technique compared to the maceration technique. Similar to MAE, the UAE technique has successfully obtained higher phenolic content and flavonoid content with shorter extraction duration and less amount of solvent.

Extraction of *Bougainvillea glabra*

Bougainvillea glabra choisy and *Bougainvillea California* gold flower along with bracts were collected and the flowers were removed from stalk and weight was taken then the flowers were dried under shade at room temperature. Then the flowers were powdered and weights of powdered were taken and the powders were stored in sterile container for further use.

Extraction Preparation:

Then dried powder was taken into Soxhlet apparatus for 72 hr according to successive solvent extraction using hydroalcoholic (50:50) solvent. Afterwards, the solvents were removed and the extracts obtained were stored

Dry Grinding Process:

The flowers were cut approximately in to 12 mm in size, cleaned by using distilled water, and dried at room temperature. The dried bracts were crushed into a fine powder using a coffee grinder and kept in a cool dark place until used in the extraction process.

Effect of amount of powdered plant material:

A Series of (0.033, 0.05, 0.066, 0.1, 0.133, 0.186, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 gm) of powdered plant material was macerated with 20 ml of ethanol (50%) for 72 h at 20 degree Celsius. The extract was filtered after 72 h. The filtrate was kept in a cool dry place to measure the absorbance every 24 h at the maximum absorbance (λ_{max}) 397 and 548 nm respectively to investigate the pigment stability.

Effect of solvents:

To investigate the effect of solvent on the extraction of Bougainvillea g. pigment. 0.1 gm of dry powdered bract was macerated with 20 ml of different types of organic solvent for 72 h. After filtration, the PH of each filtrate was measured as shown in (Table 1) and the filtrate was kept in a cool dry place to measure the absorbance.

Evaluation

1. Physicalevaluation

- Color and appearance: The color and appearance of

Ph levels		
Alkaline	7-14	Dryness, sensitivity, wrinkles, sun damage
Neutral	5-6	Healthy balanced skin
Acidic	0-6	Acne-prone, oily skin, inflammation

4. Determination of spreadability time:

Apparatus: Filter paper, 0.5 ml syringe with needle. Procedure:

- Begin the test by putting a newsheet of aluminum foil (that is larger than the filter paper) onto the lab bench. Use a levelled bench surface.
- Choose a filter paper and weigh the sheet as accurately as possible. Record this weight as W1.
- Measure and record the total area of the filter paper. Record this measurement as A1.
- Carefully place the filter paper in the center of the aluminum foil sheet. Do not bend, fold and alter the filter paper in any way. It must remain absolutely flat in order to prevent preferential spreading in folds or creases.
- Holding the syringe over the center of the filter paper carefully push out exactly 20

drops. The extract was observed visually.

- Homogeneity: The formulation produces uniform distribution of extract. This was confirmed by visually appearance by touch.
- After feel: Emollience, slipperiness and amount of residue left after the application of fixed amount of serum was found by applying it over the skin.

2. Determination of viscosity

Apparatus: Brookfield viscometer.

Procedure: The viscosity of the formulation was determined by Brook field viscometer at 100 rpm, using spindle type model S64. 500 ml of the serum was taken in a beaker and the spindle was dipped in it for about 5 minutes and then the readings were taken.

3. Determination of pH:

Apparatus: pH Meter, preferably equipped with glass electrode.

Procedure: The pH was calibrated using standard buffer solution. About 1 ml of serum was taken and dissolved in 100 ml of distilled water and pH was measured.

drops.

- When the 20th drop hits the filter paper, start a timer or stopwatch to count down for exactly 10 minutes. During the 10 minutes test, the liquid will spread in a relatively uniform circular pattern over the filter paper.
- When 10 minutes have elapsed, remove the filter paper from the aluminum foil base and, using scissors, cut the saturated portion of the filter paper away from the remaining dry section. Be very careful to cut exactly on the line between saturated spread and dry filter paper.
- Weigh the remaining dry (unsaturated) filter paper. Record this weight as W2.
- Measure the diameter of the saturated portion of the filter paper. If the spread was not a perfect circle, take several diameter readings around the spread area and determine an average

diameter. Record this measurement as A2.

4. Globule size determination: Serum has analyzed under microscope to confirm the globule size a drop of serum was placed on glass slide and diluted with water covered by glass cover and was observed under microscope.

5. Test for microbial growth:

serum inoculated plate media by omitting the product. Plate placed incubator at 37 °C for 24 hours. Check the microbial growth.

6. Product storage:

Stability testing requires different temperature and humidity condition. Some standard temperature include 40°C/75%RH; 30°C/65%RH; 25°C/60%RH; 50°C.

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