

# Formulation and Evaluation Of Anti Acne Gel Containing Citrus Aurantifolia Fruit Juice Using Carbopol 934 as Gelling Agent

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## ABSTRACT

The current formulation was performed to discover a result of anti-acne gel containing Citrus aurantifolia organic product juice as a successful antibacterial to treat skin inflammation brought about by Propionibacterium skin break out and Staphylococcus epidermidis utilizing Carbopol as gelling specialist. The new squeeze of C. aurantifolia organic product was gotten by juicer and pasteurized. The base inhibitory fixation (MIC) of the organic product juice was resolved utilizing the microdilution strategy. At that point, Carbopol in various concentrations was joined in a gel base formulation to get a steady gel base. The new squeeze in various formulations (F1 to F5) was assessed for 28 d. The Colour, pH, Extrudability, Spreadability and thickness of every formulation were watched. Likewise, the antibacterial power of every formulation was broke down utilizing the agar dissemination technique against both tried microorganisms.

The citrus MIC estimations of both test microorganisms indicated various outcomes, 20-40% v/v for P. acne inflammation and 5-10% v/v for S. epidermidis. The MIC esteems were changed over into in vivo concentration and the resulted concentration for every formulation was 25, 50, 75, 78 and 80% v/v. For supporting the formulation, the steady base gel was accomplished utilizing Carbopol 1.7% as the gelling operator. Among 5 formulations, the anti-acne gel formula containing 80% organic product juice with Carbopol 1.7% was the best detailing dependent on the physical and microbiological parameters. In this way, it was inferred that the anti-acne gel of organic product juice of C. aurantifolia with Carbopol as gelling specialist could deliver the compelling and stable gel of hostile to skin break out item. So, it was concluded that the anti-acne gel of fruit juice of C. aurantifolia with Carbopol as gelling agent could produce the effective and stable gel of anti-acne product.

**Keyword:** C. aurantifolia, Lemon Juice, Acne

## I. INTRODUCTION

### Acne

Acne is a skin condition that occurs when your hair follicles become plugged with oil and dead skin cells. It causes whiteheads, blackheads or pimples. Acne is most common among teenagers, though it affects people of all ages. Effective acne treatments are available, but acne can be persistent. The pimples and bumps heal slowly, and when one begins to go away, others seem to crop up. Depending on its severity, acne can cause emotional distress and scar the skin. The earlier you start treatment, the lower your risk of such problems. Acne vulgaris or simply known as acne is a human skin disease characterized by skin with scaly red skin (Seborrhoea), blackheads and whiteheads (Comedones), pinheads (papules), Large papules (nodules) pimples and scarring [1]. Acne affects skin having dense sebaceous follicles in areas including face, chest and back. Acne may be of inflammatory or non-inflammatory forms [2,3].

### Symptoms

Acne signs vary depending on the severity of your condition:

- Whiteheads (closed plugged pores).
- Blackheads (open plugged pores).
- Small red, tender bumps (papules).
- Pimples (pustules), which are papules with pus at their tips.
- Large, solid, painful lumps under the skin (nodules).
- Painful, pus-filled lumps under the skin (cystic lesions).
- Acne usually appears on the face, forehead, chest, upper back and shoulders [4,5]



Figure 1 Common acne



Figure 2 Treatment medicine category

**Causes of acne formation:-**

**Four main factors cause acne:**

- Excess oil (sebum) production.
- Hair follicles clogged by oil and dead skin cells.
- Bacteria.
- Inflammation.

**Treatment**

Most commonly used medication is topical creams and gels and they are used in case of mild and moderate acne. Whereas, the oral antibiotics are used in the case of severe acne vulgaris. Citrus family is a widely consumed group of fruits which contains several metabolites such as flavonoids, ascorbic acid and carotenoids. Citrus aurantifolia is one of the citrus species that is widespread and consumed lime species in Indonesia. Traditionally, this fruit juice has long been used as an antacid and it effectively has been proven. But if the fruits must be squeezed first, then the treatment becomes not optimal and not practical. Meanwhile, to overcome the problem of acne against P. acnes and S. epidermidis require anti-acne preparations that have good penetration and long contact time. Therefore, in this study C. aurantifolia juice is formulated in the form of anti-acne gel preparations. Gel preparation can be used as an option for anti-acne preparations. The gel dosage form can last long in the skin and the release of good active substances. Gel formulation makes the preparation more easily removable from the skin than ointment and cream [6,7]

**Material**

The fruit juice Fruits (C. aurantifolia) was extracted the extraction process performed

in college campus, Carbopol 934, PEG is purchased

Swami Enterprises Shiv Ram Park, Delhi, Agar, Methylparaben and Triethanolamine is buy form sigma Aldrich.

The tested bacteria used in this study were Propionibacterium acnes and Staphylococcus epidermidis, obtained from PT. Bio-Pharma and Microbiology Laboratory, The growth medium used was Mueller Hinton Agar (MHA-OXOID) and Mueller Hinton Broth. The chemicals used were amyl alcohol, 10% NH<sub>3</sub>, 2N-HCl, iron (III) chloride, ether, CCl<sub>4</sub>, anhydrous acetic acid solution in Conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 1% Gelatin, Dragendorff Reagent (potassium bismuth iodide solution). Mayer reagents (potassium mercury iodide solution), 10% vanillin solution in Conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 1N- NaOH, KMNO<sub>4</sub> Powder, Mg powder & Sterile physiological NaCl, Distilled H<sub>2</sub>O, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, Carbopol, Propylene Glycol, Methylparaben & Triethanolamine.

**Method:-**

**Fruit Juice Preparation:-**  
Complete fresh fruits were washed with 1.5% KMNO<sub>4</sub>, after juice was collected and filtered by a separated funnel using filter paper, and pasteurization process used for juice sterilization at 65-70°C for 30 min.

**Photochemical Screening:-**

Photochemical screening detecting from photochemical screening of plant method to find out the secondary metabolite group found in the fruit juice of C. aurantifolia. Metabolites like Alkaloids, Flavonoids, Polyphenols, Tannins, Monoterpenoids & Saponins [8].

**Minimum Inhibitory Concentration.-**

Micro dilution method was used for determination of MIC, with plates 96 wells. Each column is filled with 100µl column 4; it was taken as much as 100µl and put into column 5 to find out a juice concentration less than half concentration compared to the juice concentration in column 4. Thus, until column 12 and last was removed 100µl from column 12, thus all columns only contain 100µl test media suspension. As a positive control filled with 100µl MHB and 10µl suspensions of the test bacteria. Then into all columns, except column 2 inoculated with 100µl suspensions of the test bacteria. The micro filter

plate was closed and incubated at 37°C for 18-24hrs. Petri dishes contain the most active test materials with the smallest concentrations showing the least growth and the last growth of test bacteria was determined as the range of MIC values. The incubation of MIC, observed by its turbidity and concentration resulting in a clear test medium, was taken as much as 10µl to be re inoculated on a solid MHA surface. The test medium was incubated at 37°C for 18-24h. The Petri dish contains the most active test material with the smallest concentration that did not show the growth of test bacteria determined as the MBC value range.

**Table.1 Preformulation of base gel**

S.No.	Composition	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5
1	Citrus aurantifolia					
2	Methylparaben	500mg	-	-	-	-
3	Triethanolamine	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40
4	Carbopol 934	0.8g	1g	1.2g	1.5g	1.7g
5	Propylene glycol	9ml	8ml	10ml	12ml	14ml
6	Distilled water	100ml	100ml	100ml	100ml	100ml

**Formulation and Evaluation of Anti-acne Gel:-**

Lemon juice has been added to the base gel methylparaben and added ethanol for dilution. Stirring was stopped and the gel was stored in a sealed container. The gel was kept for 24hrs until the bubbles were disappeared. The detailed formula of fruit juice showing in below table. After observe the physical stability of C. aurantifolia juice preparation comprised an examination of Morphology, pH & Viscosity during storage in climatic chamber for 28 days. In the morphology of this preparation we have to observe the colour, odour, and texture of the preparation [9]. To know the particle and substance that have been not homogeneously, the gel preparation was tested for homogeneity by applying it to a glass, if the particle have not mixed properly then can detect easily. The preparation was prepared in a 100 ml beaker glass and then the spindle with a certain number and a certain speed (rpm) was set and then dipped into the preparation until the apparatus showed the viscosity value of the preparation. The viscosity value (CPS) shown in the

RION Viscometer tool was the viscosity of the dosage. Evaluation of viscosity, done by using spindle R5 with speed of 30 rpm. The pH of gel preparation was measured using a calibrated pH meter [10-12]. All formulas gel evaluation was observed on 0, 7, 14, 21 & 28 days of gel storage at room temperature.

**Preparation of Bacterial Suspension:-**

McFarland solution consisted of two components, 1% BaCl<sub>2</sub> & 1% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. A total of 0.05ml of 1% BaCl<sub>2</sub> solution was mixed with 9.95 ml of 1% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution and shaken homogeneously. The turbidity of the solution was measured at a wavelength of 530nm by using distilled water as a blank. The absorbance value of the standard solution should be in the range of 0.08 to 0.13. The standard McFarland 0.5 solutions are equivalent to a bacterial cell suspension with a concentration of 1.5 x 10<sup>8</sup> CFU/ml. The tested bacteria were scratched on the surface of slant agar, and then incubated for 18-24h at 37°C. Each of P. Acnes and S. epidermidis colonies were taken using Ose, then susp

ended into sterile physiological NaCl. The bacterial turbidity was measured using a spectrophotometer at  $\lambda$  530 nm, compared with a 0.5 McFarland solution [13,15].

**Anti-acne Activity:-**

Agar diffusion method, perforation technique against *P. acne* and *S. epidermidis* is used to know the efficacy of anti-acne gel. A total of 20  $\mu$ l bacterial suspension was fed into sterile Petri dishes and suspended in 20 ml of the MHA which was poured into the sterile Petri dish. The test medium was homogenized and allowed to solidify. Media that has been solidified then perforated to make holes for sample reservoir.

The negative and positive control was prepared, where the negative control contains the only medium, meanwhile the positive Control consisted of the inoculated bacterial suspension using the streak inoculation method. All test and control media were incubated at 37°C for 24h. The inhibitory diameter formed was measured using a calliper.

**Drug content:-**

The drug content of the formulations was determined by dissolving an accurately weighed quantity of gel 1g in 100ml of solvent (phosphate buffer pH 6.8 + ethanol in ratio 40:60). The solutions were kept for shaking for 4hrs and then kept for 6hrs for completed dissolution of the formulations. Then the solutions were filtered through 0.45mm membrane filters and proper dilutions were made, and the solution was subjected to the Spectrophotometric analysis. The drug

content was calculated from the linear regression equation obtained from the calibration data.

**In-vitro diffusion studies:-**

The in-vitro diffusion studies for all formulations (F1-F5) were carried out using the Franz-diffusion cell. The diffusion cell apparatus was fabricated as an open ended cylindrical tube. A weighed quantity of formulation equivalent to 1gm of the drug was placed onto the dialysis membrane-70 (Hi-Media) and was immersed slightly in 100ml of receptor medium (phosphate buffer pH 6.8 + ethanol in ratio 40:60) which was continuously stirred and the temperature was maintained at  $37 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ . Aliquots of 1ml were withdrawn from each of the system at time intervals of 5, 10, 15, 30, 60, 120, 240, and 360 minutes were analyzed for drug content using ultraviolet spectrophotometer [16].

**Release kinetics studies**

To study the release kinetics and mechanism of release in-vitro release data was applied to kinetic models such as zero order (Cumulative % drug release vs. time), first order (Log Mean % drug unreleased vs. time), Higuchi (Mean % cumulative drug release vs. square root of time)

**Stability studies:-**

The stability of the formulations was assessed according to the guidelines issued by International Conference on Harmonisation on October 27, 1993, for 6 months [17,18].

**II. RESULT**

**Photochemical Screening:**

**Table Photochemical Screening**

S.No.	Metabolites	Result
1.	Alkaloids	+
2.	Flavanoids	+
3.	Tannins	+
4.	Monoterpenoids	-
5.	Sesquiterpenoids	-
6.	Quinines	-
7.	Saponin Glycosides	-
8.	Steroids	-

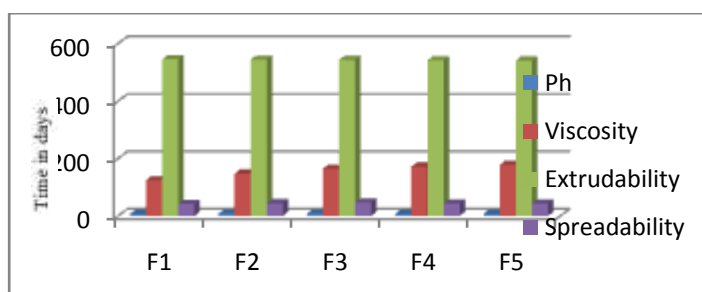
Note:-(+) Presence and (-) Absence

**MIC Determination:-**

**Table MICstudy**

S.No.	Conc.% w/v	BacterialGrowth	
		P. Acnes	S. Epidermidis
1.	40	-	-
2.	20	+	-
3.	10	+	-
4.	5	+	+
5.	2.5	+	+

**Evaluationofbasegelpreformulation**



**Figure3A diagrammatically graph gel base preformulation**

**EvaluationofAnti-acneGel**

**Table3.4 EvaluationofAnti-acneGelEvaluation**

Days	FormulationCode	pH	Viscosity (cps)	Extrudability(g)	Spreadability(g/seco nd)	Colour
1	1	6.8±0.05	140±0.50	548.2±0.2	44±0.4	Transparent Yellow
7	2	6.6±0.00	147±0.00	546.4±0.4	47±0.2	-
14	3	6.7±0.04	139±0.50	545.5±0.5	49±0.5	-
21	4	6.8±0.03	145±0.00	542.2±0.4	45.5±0.3	-
28	5	7±0.00	144±0.00	549.5±0.3	42±0.2	-

**Drugcontent:-**

We have to find out the % drug content & % cumulative release of all formulation F1 to F5, the drug content data found between 90.4 to 97.5, % cumulative release between 90% to 95%

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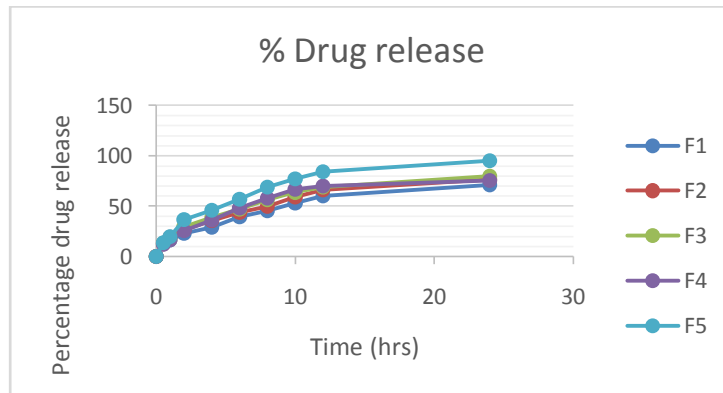


Figure 4 In vitro release profile of optimized gel formulation

**Antibacterial activity of all formulations**

P. acne: Propionibacterium  
 SD: Standard deviation and S. epidermidis.  
 Thus, from the whole study carried out, it can be said that formulation F5 having 1.7g concentration

of gelling agent, Carbopol 934, with good consistency, better spread ability, & viscosity and higher extrudability was found to be the most optimized formulation.

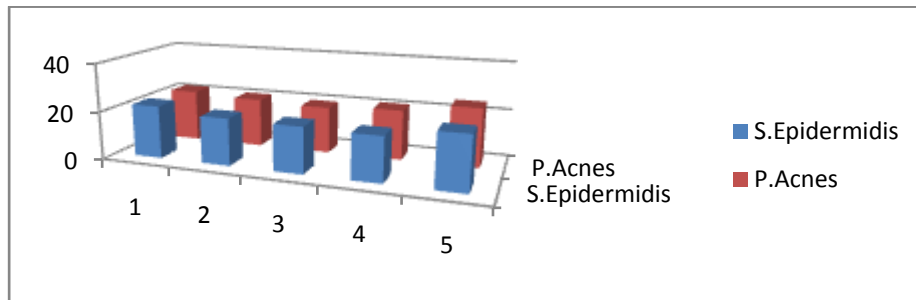


Figure 5 comparison of antibacterial potency of P. Acnes, and S. epidermidis

**Stability study**

Table stability study

S.No	Time in Months	% Drug release	Viscosity	pH	Colour
1	1	95.24	144	8	Transparent
2	2	95.10	143	8	-
3	4	95	143	7.9	-
4	6	95	142	7.9	-

All parameter of stability study was found to be good and validate the standard value



### III. CONCLUSION

Antiacne gel containing Citrus aurantifolia was prepared by using Carbopol 934, methylparaben, and triethanolamine in different ratios. Citrus aurantifolia fruit juice as an effective antibacterial to treat acne caused by *Propionibacterium acne* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* using Carbopol as a gelling agent. Fruit was obtained by juicer, all base gel formulations were evaluated for their physical parameters like, pH ( $8 \pm 0.00$  to  $9 \pm 0.002$ ), viscosity ( $125 \pm 0.52$  to  $178 \pm 0.52$ ), Extrudability ( $541.5 \pm 0.6$  to  $546.2 \pm 0.2$ ), Spreadability ( $42 \pm 0.2$  to  $47 \pm 0.4$ ). And physical parameters of antiacne gel found to be ( $6.6 \pm 0.00$  to  $7 \pm 0.00$ ), viscosity ( $139 \pm 0.50$  to  $147 \pm 0.00$ ), Extrudability ( $542.2 \pm 0.4$  to  $549.5 \pm 0.3$ ), Spreadability ( $42 \pm 0.2$  to  $49 \pm 0.5$ ). We have found out the % drug content & % drug release of all formulations F1 to F5, the drug content data found between 90.4 to 97.5, % drug release between 90 to 95. We have also done the antibacterial activity of all formulations and found to be of *S. Epidermidis* ( $19.6 \pm 0.8$  to  $22.4 \pm 1.12$ ), *P. Acnes* ( $19.5 \pm 1.10$  to  $4.5 \pm 0.6$ ).

It can be concluded that the fruit juice of *C. aurantifolia* gel formulations prepared with the different concentration of Carbopol (according to formulation code) as gelling agents, confirm the stable physical characteristics of the base gel. In this study, the formulation 5 with a concentration of 80 % fruit juice presented the excellent anti-acne topical against *P. acne* and *S. epidermidis*. The new squeeze of *C. aurantifolia* organic product taken and pasteurized for 30 min at 65-70 °C. The base inhibitory fixation (MIC) of the organic product juice was resolved utilizing the microdilution strategy. At that point, carbopol in various concentrations was joined in a gel base formulation to get a steady gel base. The new squeeze in various formulations (F1 to F5) was assessed for 6 months. The Color, pH, Extrudability, Spreadability and % drug release of every formulation were watched. Likewise, the antibacterial power of every formulation was broken down utilizing the agar dissemination technique against both tried microorganisms.

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