

**IN VITRO STUDY OF ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITIES OF *MALTYADI TAIL* ON
DARUNAK/DANDRUFF (AGAINST *MALASSEZIA FURFUR*, *MALASSEZIA GLOBOSA*,
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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out with an aim and objective of study is to access antifungal activity of *Maltyadi tail* and to determine the zone of inhibition of *Maltyadi tail* on fungal strains (*Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa* and *Candida albicans*) in the present study antifungal activities of *Maltyadi tail*. Dandruff is a progressive problem now days. It has so many causes but fungus is one of them. There are three common pathogens which are responsible to cause dandruff, *Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa* and *Candida albicans*. So many formulations are used to control dandruff, one is oil. Different kind of oils has been using from the dawn of the time but not able to cure dandruff completely. In *ayurveda* there are also various medicines for *darunak*. One of them *acharya chakrapani* described *maltyadi tail* in the treatment of *darunak*. The aim of this study was to evaluate the antifungal activities of the *maltyadi tail*. The antifungal activity was determined by the agar-well diffusion method against fungal pathogens (*Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa* and *Candida albicans*). The study showed effective result of *maltyadi tail* in antifungal activities.

KEYWORDS: Antifungal activities, Dandruff, *Darunak*, *maltyadi tail*.**INTRODUCTION**

The *maltyadi tail* is herbal formulation described in *chakradatta* as treatment of *darunak*(dandruff)^[1] Plant parts and plant products are still remain the principal source of pharmaceutical agents used in herbal medicine.^[2,3] There were four ingredients present in formulation of *maltyadi tail*, *jaati*, *karveer*, *chitrak* and *karaj*. Base of the oil (*maltyadi tail*) was *tila tail*. In previous research all ingredients has shown antifungal,^[4,5,6] antibacterial,^[7,8,9,10] properties. Antifungal resistance is a rising threat. Resistance of antifungal gradually increasing,^[11] due to this condition it is necessary to research on herbal medicines and found the other way for fungus treatment. *Malassezia* is a genus of fungi. *Malassezia* is naturally found on the skin surfaces of many animals, including humans. *Malassezia furfur* is a kind of fungus that causes dandruff.^[12] Predisposing factors to *Malassezia* skin disease include humidity, Sweating, oily skin (seborrhoea), Acne and its treatment with oral antibiotics such as tetracyclines,

Immunodeficiency (eg, HIV infection), systemic corticosteroids, or immunosuppression by medications.^[13] One more main cause of dandruff is the single-celled microbe *Malassezia globosa*, which exists on everyone's scalp. Almost 50% of people's bodies have a negative reaction to the presence of this fungus, causing dandruff.^[14] *Candida albicans* is most often the cause of a fungal skin infection, although other *Candida* strains can also cause it,^[15] This study carried out the efficacy of *maltyadi tail* as antifungal oil.

Aim & Objective -This study aimed to investigate the *in vitro* study of antifungal activities of *Maltyadi tail* on dandruff (against *Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa*, *Candida albicans*.)

MATERIALS AND METHODS**Evaluation of antifungal activity**

1. Collection of raw drugs
2. Selection and collection of pathogens

3. Preparation of Test sample
4. Preparation of media & media plate and antimicrobial activity using well diffusion method
5. Recording and interpreting results.

(1) Collection of Raw Drugs – In this research work, raw drugs were collected from following sources-

Jaati patra- Rishikul Parisar, Rajrajeswari Nursery, Gurukul Parisar

Karveer moola- Rishikul Parisar

Chitrak moola and karanj beeja- Pannalal Brijlal General Merchant

Tila tail- patanjali ayurvedic shop haridwar (ranipur mod)

(2) Selection and collection of pathogens

In this research work, *Malassezia furfur*, *Candida albicans* and *Malassezia globosa* have been taken as fungal strains. The pathogenic strains of these species of fungus were procured from 'Institute of Microbial Technology' (IMTECH), Chandigarh and the stock cultures maintenance & antifungal study were done at 'Analytical Division of Bilwal Medchem and Research Laboratory Pvt Ltd.

- *Malassezia furfur* : (MTCC NO: 1374)
- *Candida albicans*: (MTCC NO: 227)
- *Malassezia globosa*: (MTCC NO: 1765)

(3) Preparation of test sample

Test sample (*Maltyadi tail*) was dissolved in DMSO to make 5, 10 and 15 % concentration solution.

(4) Preparation of media & media plate and antimicrobial activity using well diffusion method

(a) Preparation of media & media plates: Muller-hinton agar medium was taken for all pathogens. Heated the agar (38 gm) with water (1litre) at 100°C till it becomes transparent, and then kept it in hot air oven for 15 minutes. The sterilized media were poured in sterile petri dishes aseptically in a Laminar flow cabinet. After solidifying of agar plates (nearly about 15 to 20 minutes), they were kept inverted in incubator at 37°C for overnight for checking any contamination. The ready Agar plates were then transferred in zip seal plastic cover and kept in a cold room.

(b) Revival of microbial cultures -A simple way to obtain micro-organism (fungus) is to grow them in a flask in broth medium. 100 ml Nutrient broth medium were transferred in conical flasks (of quantity 100ml) 20ml each. The flasks were capped with cotton plug and autoclaved at 121°C for 20 minutes at 15 lb pressure per square inch.

(c) Inoculation:- The fungal strains were cultured in their respective broths in a water-bath shaker for 48 hr below 30 °C. After inoculation, the microbial cultures were incubated at room temperature overnight in a shaker for their growth. Growth, in this case, means the development of a population of cells from one or few

cells. Next day, the mass of daughter cells became visible to the naked eye as cloudiness (turbidity) in all flasks.

(d) Streaking:- Applied a microbial culture to the surface in a petri plate and spread them with cotton swab sticks.

(e)Preparation of concentrations of the extracts and antifungal (positive control)

The concentrations 5 % w/v of solvent was prepared in sterile Eppendorf tubes.

(f) Well Diffusion Method

Wells (of about 5mm diameter) were made on the plates with the help of sterile stainless steel borer. About 5, 10 And 15 % concentrations of test sample were added using sterile syringe into the wells and allowed to diffuse at room temperature for 2hrs. Control experiments comprising inoculums without test sample were set up.

Groups design: Negative Control was *Tila tail*, positive control was 5 % ketoconazole and Test groups are 5% solution w/v of *Maltyadi tail* in DMSO, 10% solution w/v of *Maltyadi tail* in DMSO, 15% solution w/v of *Maltyadi tail* in DMSO.

(5). Recording and interpreting results

After the disks were placed on the plate, inverted the plate and incubate at 35°C for 48 hours. After incubation, measured the diameter of the zones of complete inhibition (including the diameter of the disk) and recorded it in millimeters. The presence of colonies within a zone of inhibition may predict eventual resistance to that agent.

Observation and result- The results of the study provide scientific basis for the use of the *maltyadi tail* as antifungal oil.

Zone of inhibition (ZOI)

The result of anti-fungal activity of *Maltyadi tail* in presented in Table No.1.

The zone of inhibition measured is 12mm on *Malassezia Furfur*, 14mm on *Malassezia globosa* and 15mm on *Candida albicans*. This result is compared with both negative and positive control group. The results reveal that *Maltyadi tail* showed anti-fungal activity against all three strains.

Table 1:

Zone of inhibition (mm)			
Name Of Pathogens	Negative Control (<i>Tila tail</i>)	Test Sample (<i>Maltyadi tail</i>)	Positive Control (ketoconazole)
<i>Malassezia furfur</i>	4mm	12mm	18mm
<i>Malassezia globosa</i>	4mm	14mm	20mm
<i>Candida albicans</i>	6mm	15mm	21mm

Negative control- *Tila tail* Test sample- *Maltyadi tail*,
Positive control-Ketoconazole.

DISCUSSION

Dandruff is a common scalp disorder affecting most half of the pubertal population of any ethnicity and both genders. Dandruff generally characterized by itching and presence of flakes on the skin and hair of the scalp. In Ayurveda, this condition is termed as 'Darunak'. *Darunak* is a *Vata –Kaphaj Vyadhi*. There are three causative pathogens which are responsible to cause dandruff, *Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa* and *Candida albicans*. The antifungal study is measure by zone inhibition. Zone of Inhibition Test, also called a Kirby-Bauer Test, is a qualitative method used clinically to measure antifungal resistance. It is an area of media where fungus is unable to grow, due to presence of a drug that inhibits their growth. In this research work, *Malassezia furfur*, *Candida albicans*, *Malassezia globosa* have been taken as fungal strains for zone inhibition test. The size of zone of inhibition usually related to antifungal activity present in the sample- a larger zone of inhibition usually means that the antifungal is more potent.

Zone of inhibition(mm) of *maltyadi tail* showed 12mm against *malassezia furfur*, 14 mm against *malassezia globosa* and 15mm against *candida albicans* while *Tila tail* showed 4mm,4mm, & 6mm respectively. The maximum zone of inhibition (antifungal activity) of *maltyadi tail* was against fungus *candida albicans*

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that the antifungal activity of *maltyadi tail* showed better result compare to *tila tail*, against the fungal pathogen *Malassezia furfur*, *Malassezia globosa* and *Candida albicans* which are known pathogens regarding dandruff /Darunak

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