Herbal Remedies for Arthritis in Cattle: Efficacy, Mechanisms, and Sustainable Treatment Practices

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Abstract:

Arthritis is a common debilitating condition in cattle, significantly affecting their mobility, productivity, and overall well-being. Conventional treatments often rely on synthetic medications like NSAIDs, which may have undesirable side effects when used long-term. This study explores the efficacy of herbal remedies, focusing on a combination of turmeric, neem, Boswellia serrata, garlic, and other traditional medicinal herbs in treating arthritis in cows. **Methology:** The herbal cream formulation was evaluated for Arthritis and its anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties, and compared with standard pharmaceutical treatments. **Result**: The herbal formulation provides a natural, sustainable alternative for managing arthritis symptoms, with fewer side effects and comparable efficacy.

Introduction:

Arthritis is a significant health issue in livestock, particularly in cattle, where it can lead to chronic pain, decreased mobility, and a reduction in productivity. This condition, primarily characterized by joint inflammation and degeneration, can have profound economic impacts on the dairy and meat industries due to compromised animal welfare and decreased milk yield or growth rates [1]. Traditional veterinary treatments for arthritis, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), provide relief from inflammation and pain but often carry risks of adverse effects. Common side effects include gastrointestinal distress and possible drug residues in animal products, posing health concerns for both the animals and consumers (2).

In light of these challenges, interest has been growing in natural, plant-based alternatives for managing arthritis in livestock. Phytotherapy, or plant-based therapy, has a rich history in traditional medicine systems, where herbs like turmeric, neem, and Boswellia serrata have been used for their anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and pain-relieving properties (3). Turmeric (Curcuma longa), in particular, contains curcumin—a compound shown to inhibit inflammatory pathways and reduce oxidative stress in both human and animal models of arthritis (4). Similarly, Boswellia serrata, with its active compounds known as boswellic acids, has demonstrated efficacy in reducing inflammation by targeting specific inflammatory enzymes, such as 5-lipoxygenase (Ammon, 2019).

Neem (Azadirachta indica) has also been recognized for its broad range of bioactive compounds, which possess anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and immunomodulatory effects. Research indicates that neem can modulate immune responses, potentially aiding in reducing joint inflammation and promoting healing in arthritic conditions (5). Combined with ingredients like long pepper, which enhances the bioavailability of curcumin, and aloe vera gel, which aids in skin penetration, these herbal compounds may provide an effective and natural alternative to conventional treatments (6).

Conventional treatments, such as **nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)**, are widely used to manage arthritis. However, their prolonged use can lead to adverse effects such as gastrointestinal issues, liver toxicity, and increased production costs for farmers. In light of these concerns, there is growing interest in natural, plant-based alternatives that are both effective and sustainable.

Herbal medicine has been used for centuries in traditional veterinary practices to treat inflammatory conditions like arthritis. This research explores the effectiveness of a **herbal cream formulation** using medicinal plants like **Curcuma longa (turmeric)**, **Boswellia serrata (Salai guggul)**, **Azadirachta indica (neem)**, **Allium sativum (garlic)**, and others in reducing arthritis symptoms in cows.

Phytochemicals are non-nutritive plant chemicals that have protective or disease preventive properties. There are more than thousand known phytochemicals. Some of the bioactive

phytochemicals are phenolic compounds including phenolic acids and flavonoids. Phenolic compounds are the most ubiquitous group of plant secondary metabolites distributed in various dietary and medicinal plants. Phenolic compounds have many diverse functions in plants viz., antimicrobial function, antifungal function, insect feeding deterrence, screening from damage by solar UV radiation, chelation of toxic heavy metals and antioxidant protection from free radicals generated during the photosynthetic process **(7).** Epidemiological studies have shown that consumption of foods, rich in phenolic compounds can be correlated with reduced incidence of cardiovascular diseases (8). They retard the progression of arteriosclerosis by acting as antioxidants toward low density lipoproteins-LDL (9) and neutralize the free radical mediated oxidative stress (10).

Study was designed to assess the efficacy of a topical herbal formulation containing turmeric, neem, Boswellia serrata, and other complementary ingredients in managing arthritis symptoms in cows. The primary objectives include evaluating pain reduction, inflammation markers, and improvements in joint mobility over a six-week period. This research contributed to the growing body of evidence supporting natural remedies in veterinary care and seeks to establish a basis for using herbal formulations in improving livestock health and welfare.

Arthritis, characterized by joint inflammation and pain, is a significant concern in both dairy and beef cattle. It affects mobility, productivity, and overall health, leading to economic losses in the livestock industry. Symptoms of arthritis in cows include joint swelling, lameness, stiffness, and reduced range of motion, all of which can reduce milk yield and meat quality.

Herb	**Common Name**	**Phytochemical Constituents**	**Pharmacological Properties**
Coriandrum sativum L.	Coriander (Dhaniya)	**Flavonoids**, **terpenes**, **coumarins**, **alkaloids**, **polyphenols**, **vitamin C**	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, digestive aid
Piper longum	Long Pepper	**Piperine**, **alkaloids**, **flavonoids**, **lignans**,	Anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antimicrobial, digestive

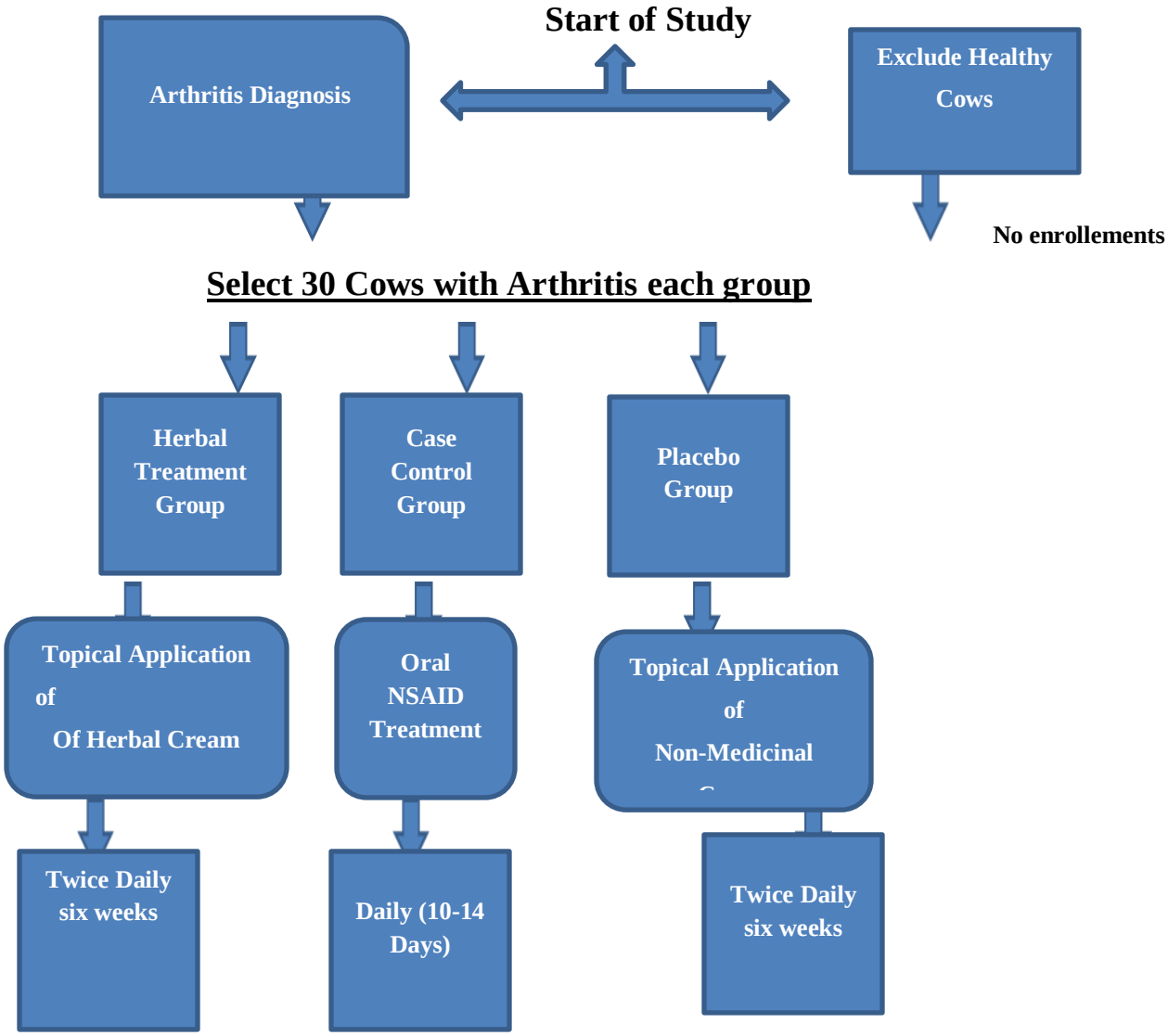
		terpenoids	stimulant
Cinnamomum zeylanicum	Cinnamon (Dalchini)	**Cinnamaldehyde**, **eugenol**, **cinnamic acid**, **tannins**, **proanthocyanidins**, **flavonoids**	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antimicrobial, improves circulation
Delonix regia	Gulmohar	**Flavonoids**, **phenolics**, **alkaloids**, **tannins**, **terpenes**	Anti-inflammatory, analgesic, wound healing, antioxidant
Allium sativum	Garlic	**Allicin**, **sulfur compounds**, **flavonoids**, **saponins**, **terpenes**, **phenolics**	Anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, improves circulation, antioxidant
Curcuma longa	Turmeric (Haldi)	**Curcuminoids** (curcumin), **essential oils**, **terpenoids**, **alkaloids**, **phenolics**, **flavonoids**	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, analgesic, immune-boosting
Azadirachta indica	Neem	**Azadirachtin**, **limonoids**, **flavonoids**, **tannins**, **saponins**, **terpenoids**, **quercetin**	Anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antifungal, antioxidant
Boswellia serrate	Salai Guggul (Shallaki)	**Boswellic acids**, **triterpenes**, **essential oils**	Potent anti-inflammatory, cartilage protection, reduces joint pain
Medicago Arabica	Green Coffee Beans	**Chlorogenic acid**, **caffeine**, **polyphenols**, **flavonoids**, **alkaloids**	Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, improves metabolism and reduces oxidative stress
Melia azedarach	Ghora-neem	**Limonoids**, **tannins**, **flavonoids**, **triterpenoids**, **saponins**	Anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antifungal, antiparasitic
Trachyspermum ammi	Ajwain	**Thymol**, **carvacrol**, **terpenoids**, **flavonoids**, **phenolic compounds**	Anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, analgesic, digestive aid
Calotropis	Rubber Bush	**Cardiac glycosides**, **alkaloids**, **flavonoids**, **saponins**,	Anti-inflammatory, analgesic, used for joint pain and

procera	(Madaar)	**terpenoids**	inflammation
Glycyrrhiza glabra	Licorice (Mulethi)	**Glycyrrhizin**, **flavonoids**, **saponins**, **isoflavonoids**, **triterpenes**	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, immunomodulatory, soothes mucous membranes
Vigna radiate	Jungali Mung	**Phenolic acids**, **flavonoids**, **proteins**, **alkaloids**, **vitamins** (B-complex), **isoflavones**	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, detoxifying
Ocimum tenuiflorum	Tulsi (Holy Basil)	**Eugenol**, **ursolic acid**, **flavonoids**, **rosmarinic acid**, **polyphenols**, **terpenes**	Anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antimicrobial, immune-modulatory

Material and Methods: Methodology:

This study investigates the efficacy of herbal cream composed of turmeric, neem, Boswellia, and other medicinal plants for treating bovine arthritis. The formulation was topically applied to cows diagnosed with arthritis over a period of six weeks. This herbal formulation offers a promising natural alternative for managing arthritis in livestock. Collection the best quality of crude drugs was done from various sources local markets of Lucknow and college campus of Dr. M. C. Saxena Group of Colleges, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh India). Further the collected drugs were processed, cleaned, shed dried, and proceeded for the process of extraction. Analysis of the various solvents for the extraction of different crude drugs. Various process for extraction- The crude drugs used in the project comprises of-Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) (Dhaniya),Long Pepper (*Piper longum*),*Cinnamomum zeylanicum*(Dalchini), *Delonix regia* Linn.(Gulmohar),*Allium sativum* L(Garlic) *Curcuma longa*: (Haldi) *Azadirachta indica* (Neem) *Boswellia serrata* (Salai guggul or Shallaki) *Medicago Arabica* (Green Coffee beans) *M. azedarach* L.(Ghora-neem) *Trachyspermum ammi* (Ajwain) *Calotropis procera*(Rubber Bush, Madaar),*Glycyrrhiza glabra*(Mulethi),*Vigna radiata* L.(Jungali Mung), *Ocimum tenuiflorum*(Tulsi) Further the crude drug was converted to its finer forms by using mortar pestle and mixer- grinders. Following up the process active chemical extracts of the crude drug were extracted by cold percolation technique and solvent-extraction methods using solvents as per the

solubility of the active constituents present within the plants. During the process aqueous, alcoholic, hydro-alcoholic and non-alcoholic types of solvents were used. After the extract preparation further the focus was to standardize the extracted product properly store it for further use and analyze the standard product obtained from the extraction of crude drug. The purified contents are combined together for assessment which are undergone first phase clinical trials.-



Cream Formulation for Cow Arthritis Treatment:

Ingredients: Coriander powder: 5g, Long Pepper powder: 5g Cinnamon powder: 5g,Gulmohar extract: 5g,Garlic paste: 5g,Turmeric powder: 10g.Neem powder: 5g,Boswellia serrata (Shallaki) powder: 5g,Green Coffee bean powder: 5g.Ghora	**Neem powder: 5g,Ajwain powder: 5g,Calotropis procera extract: 5g,Licorice (Mulethi) powder: 5g, Jungali Mung extract: 5gTulsi powder: 5g,Aloe vera gel: 30ml (for skin soothing and penetration),Coconut oil or Sesame oil: 50ml (as the base oil for the cream),Beeswax: 20g (for thickening the cream)**

Dosage & Application:

Application: Apply the cream generously to the cow's arthritic joints (e.g., knees, hocks, and shoulders) 2-3 times a day. Massage: Gently massage the cream into the skin around the joints to improve absorption and stimulate blood flow, which can further alleviate pain and inflammation.Storage: Store the cream in a cool, dark place, away from direct sunlight. It can last for up to 6 months if stored properly. •

Dosage: 40-60 grams of the herbal powder daily, depending on the cow's weight and severity of arthritis symptoms. Continue the treatment for at least 30 days, then assess if the symptoms have improved. The treatment can be continued for long-term management.

- **Long Pepper (*Piper longum*)**

(a) Dried fruits of *Long Pepper*

(b) Griended fruits of *Long Pepper*

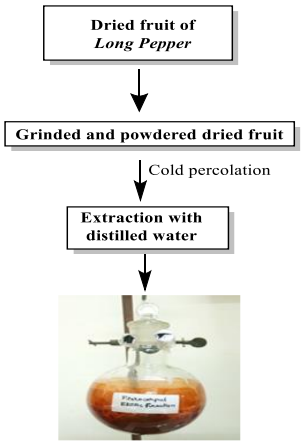


Figure 1. Work flow of aqueous extract of dried fruits of Long Pepper.

Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) (Dhaniya)

(a) Dried seeds of *Coriandrum sativum* L.

(b) Griended poweder of *Coriandrum sativum* L.

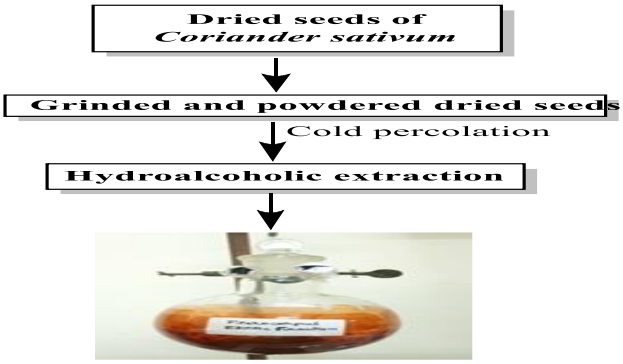


Figure 2. Work flow of hydro-alcoholic extract of dried seeds of Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L).

- ***Cinnamomum zeylanicum* (Dalchini)**

(a) Dried bark of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*

(b) Griended powder of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*

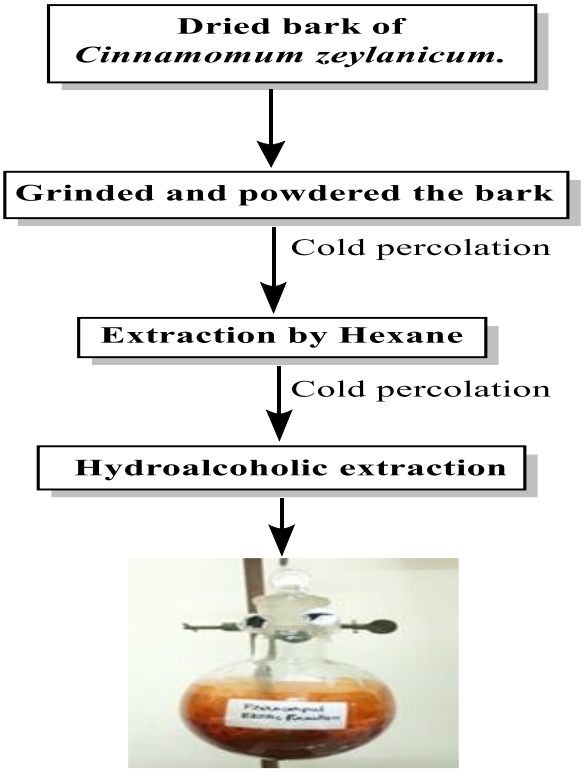


Figure 3. Work flow of hydro-alcoholic extract of dried bark of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum.*

- ***Delonix regia* Linn.**(Gulmohar)

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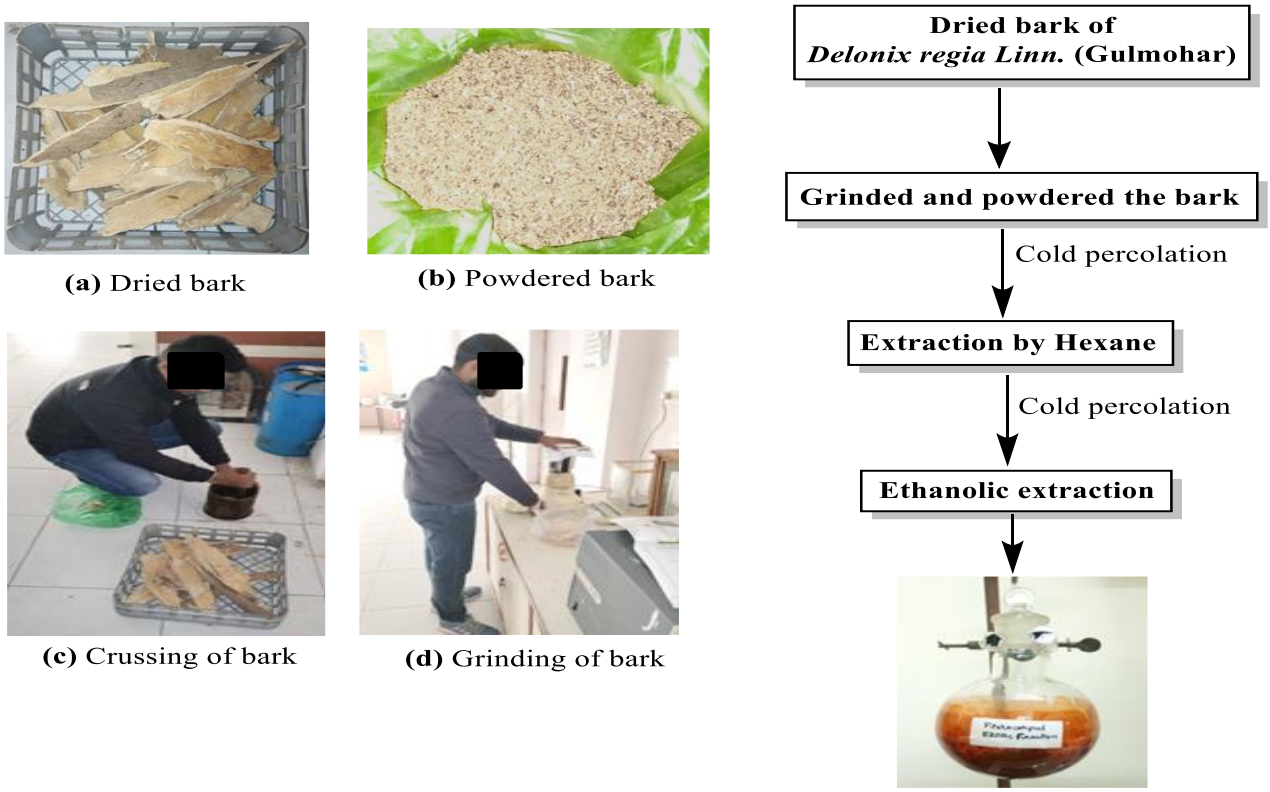

Figure 4. Work flow of ethanolic extract of dried bark of ***Delonix regia*** **Linn.**(Gulmohar).

- ***Allium sativum*** **L (Garlic)**

(a) Dried rhizomes of *Allium sativum* L.

(b) Grinded rhizomes of *Allium sativum* L.

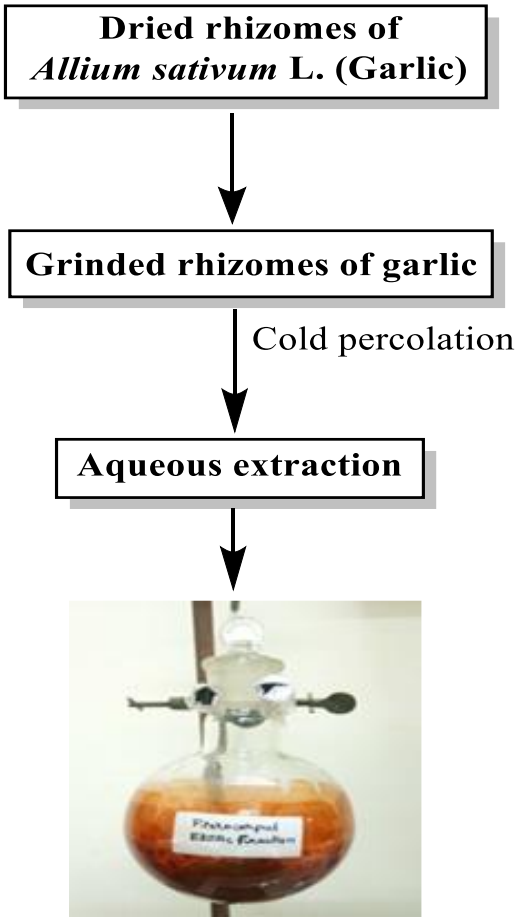

Figure 5. Work flow of aqueous extract of dried rhizomes of ***Allium sativum* L.**

- ***Medicago arabica***(Green Coffee beans)

(a) Seeds of green coffee beans

(b) Grinded powder of coffee beans

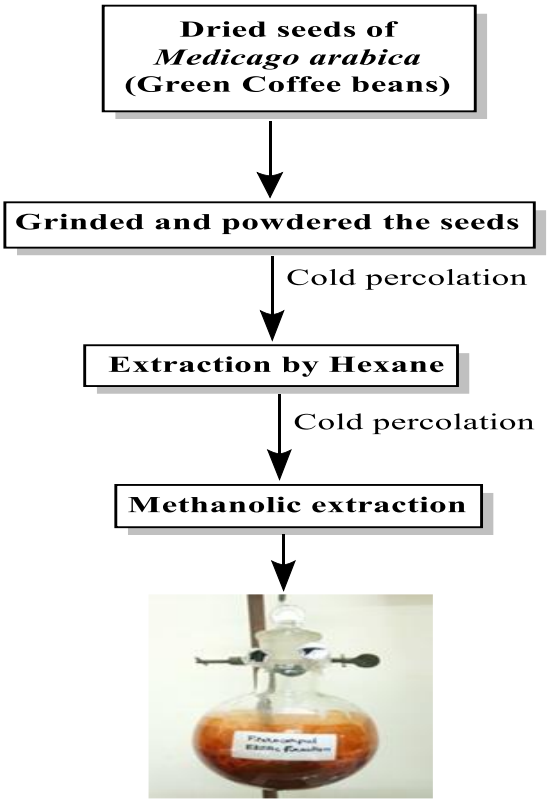

Figure 6. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried seeds of ***Medicago Arabica*** (Green Coffee beans).

- ***Curcuma longa*: (Haldi)**

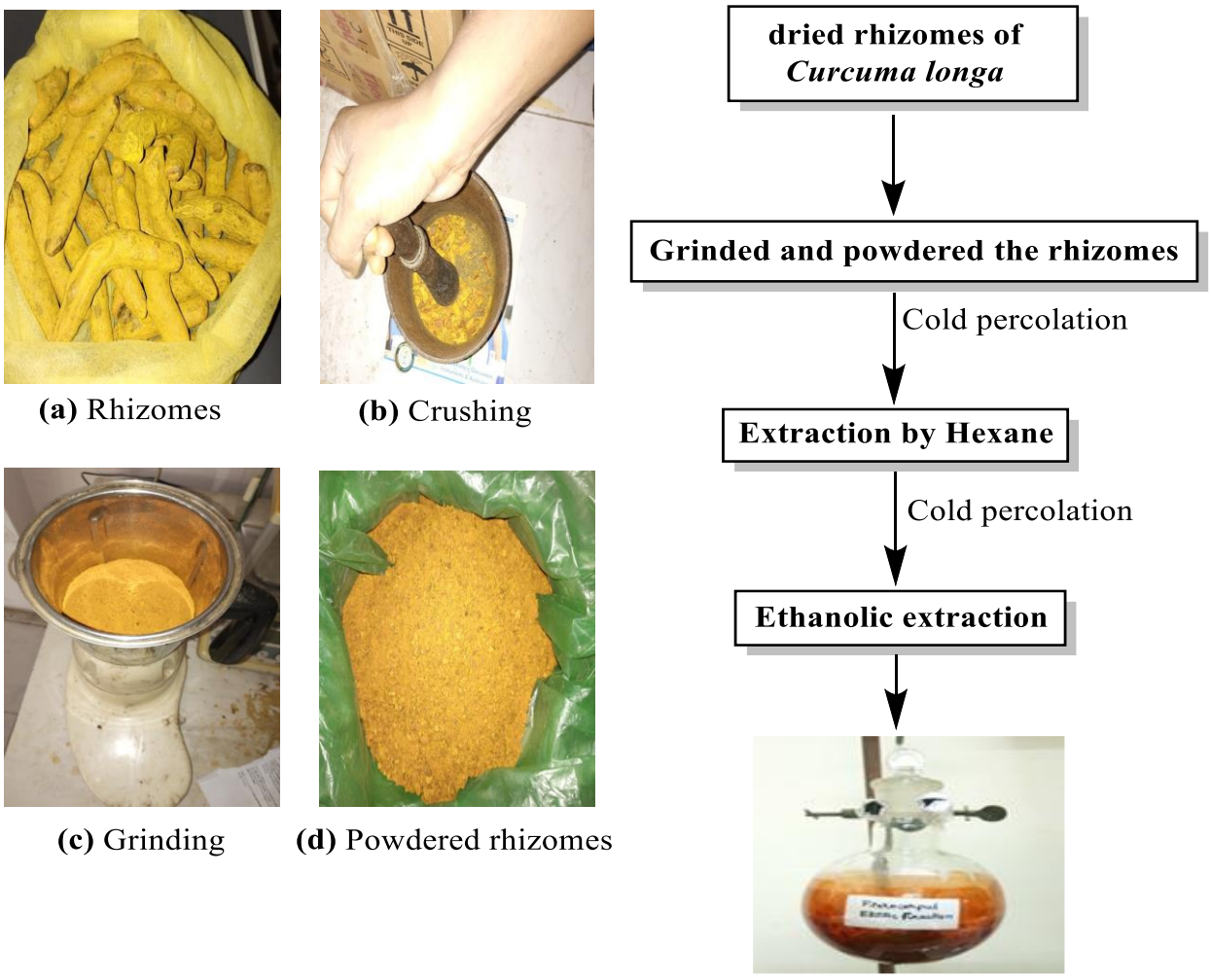

Figure 7. Work flow of ethanolic extract of driedrhizomes of ***Curcuma longa***.

- ***Azadirachta indica*** (Neem)

(a) Leaves of Neem

(b) Seeds of Neem

(c) Mixture of grinded leaves and seeds of Neem

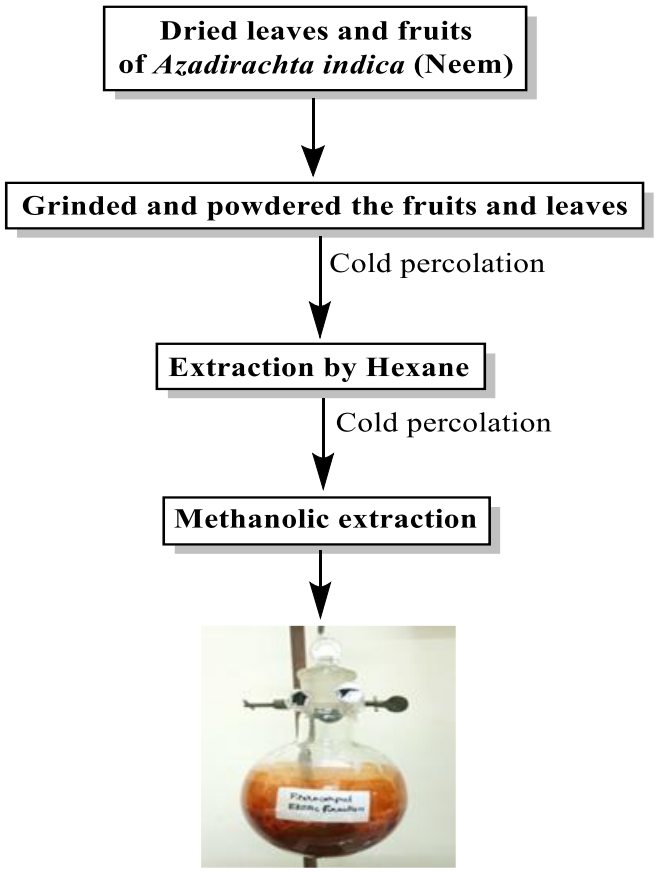

Figure 8. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried fruits and leaves of ***Azadirachta indica***(Neem)

- ***Boswellia serrata*** (Salai guggul or Shallaki)

The dried gum resins of ***Boswellia serrata***(1.0 kg), was grinded and powdered. The gum resin was dipped in methanol (2.0 litre) for 24 hours at room temperature, The solvent was separated and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford brown viscous extract (**Figure 9).**The process was repeated three times.The extract was kept at 4℃ until further analysis.

Gum resin of *Boswellia serrata*

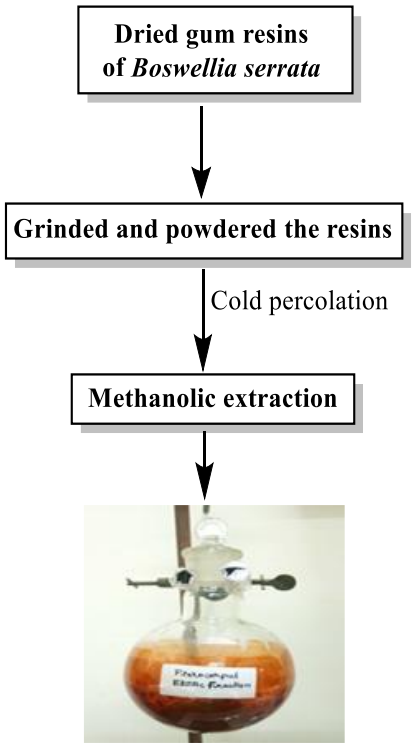

Figure 9. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried gum resin of ***Boswellia serrata***.

(a) Dry leaves

(b) Grinded leaves

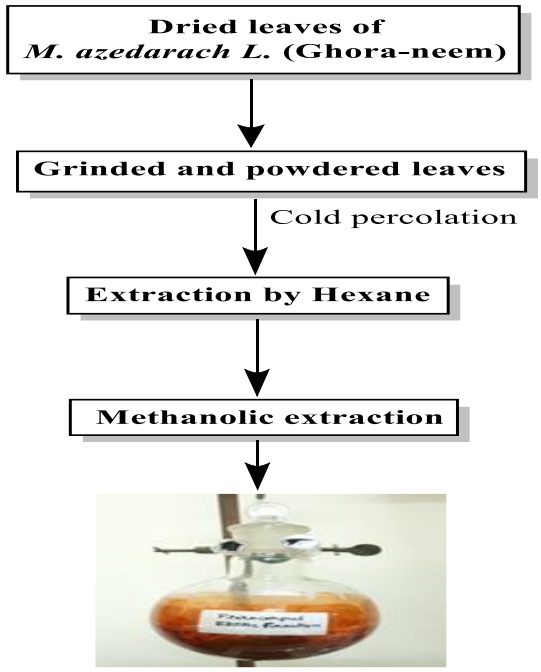

Figure 10. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried leaves of ***M. azedarach*** **L.**(Ghora-neem).

- ***Trachyspermum ammi*** (Ajwain)

The powdered seeds of Ajwain are mixed with distilled water and heated to release the essential oil by hydro distillation process. The seeds of *T. ammi* were dried and ground. The grounded seed powder (150 g) and distilled water (500 mL) was mixed in a 1 L round bottom flask and then heated for 5 h to extract the essential oil (**Figure 11**).

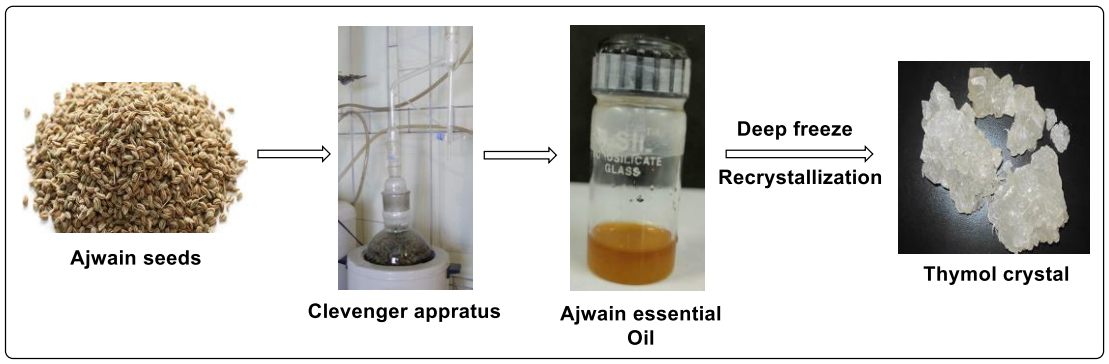

Figure 11. Schematic representation of the extraction of essential oil from Ajwain seeds.

In order to separate small water droplets, present in the extracted essential oil, the extract was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 min. The centrifuged oil was kept at 4°C until further analysis.

- ***Calotropis procera*** (Rubber Bush, Madaar)


(a) Dried leaves


(b) Crussing of leaves


(c) Crussed leaves

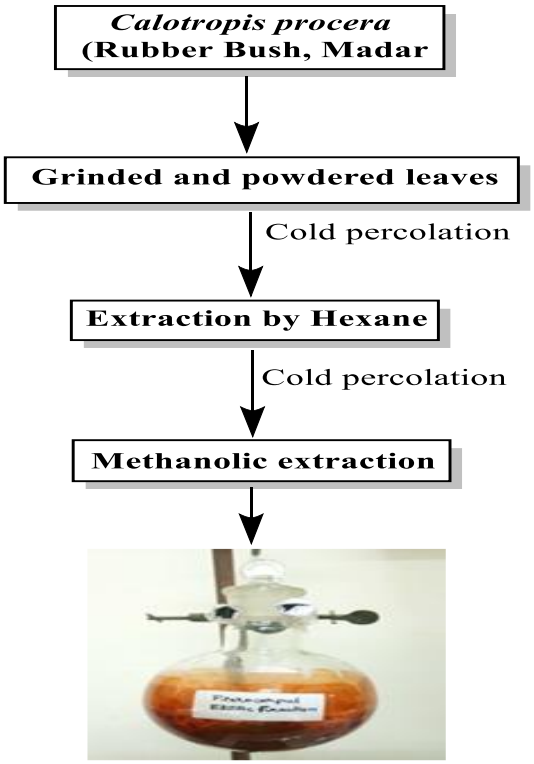

Figure 12. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried leaves of ***Calotropis procera*** (Rubber Bush, Madar).

- ***Glycyrrhiza glabra*** (Mulethi)

(a) Dried rhizomes

(b) Crushed rhizomes

(b) Powdered rhizomes

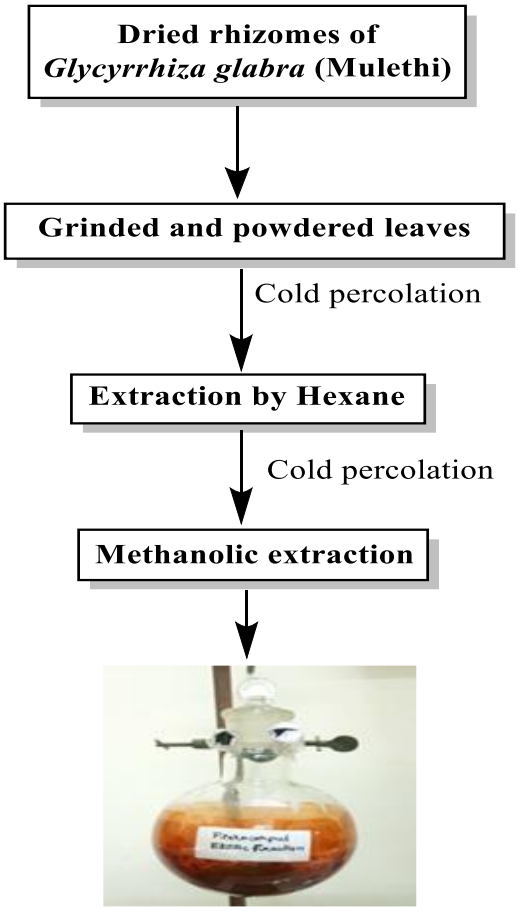

Figure 13. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried rhizomes of ***Glycyrrhiza glabra***(Mulethi).

Jungali Mung

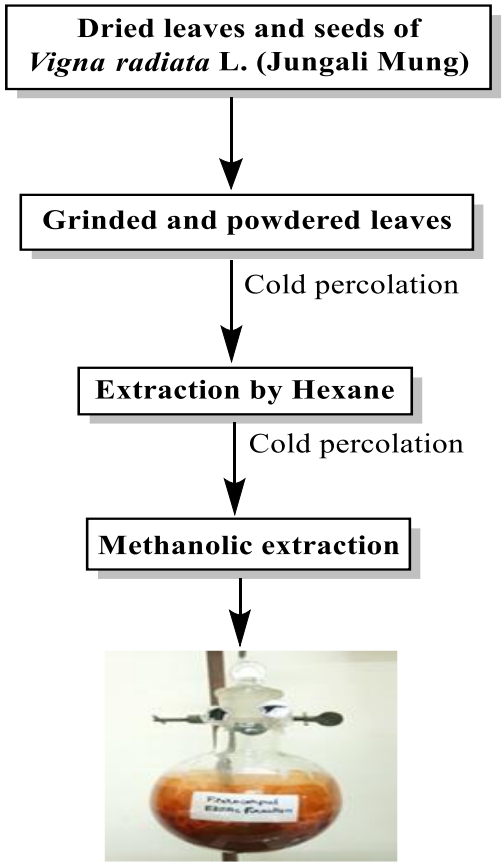

Figure 14. Work flow of methanolic extract of dried leaves and seeds of ***Vigna radiata*** **L.**(Jungali Mung).

- ***Ocimum tenuiflorum***(Tulsi)

The dried leaves of ***Ocimum tenuiflorum*** (Tulsi)(278 g), was grinded and powdered. The powdered plant material was dipped in hexane (3 x 1.5 litre) with shaking to stay for 24 hours and filtrate was discarded to remove fatty acid and wax. The defatted plant material was further dipped in ethanol (1.5 litre) for 24 hours at room temperature.

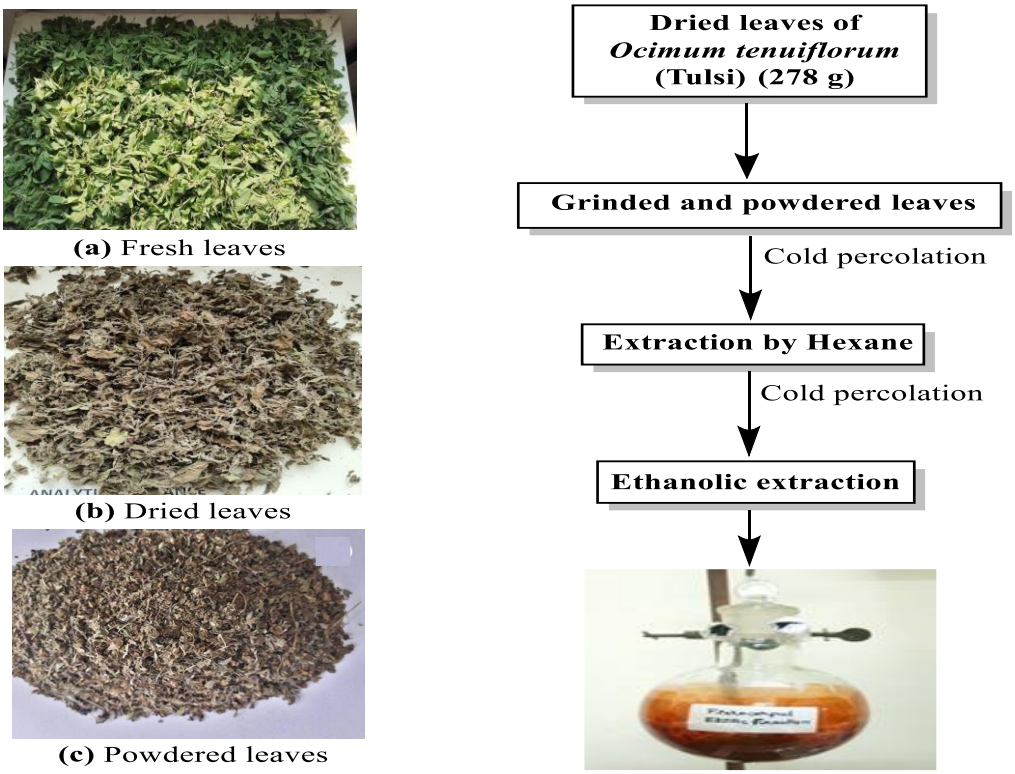

Figure 15. Work flow of ethanolicextract of dried leaves of ***Ocimum tenuiflorum*** (Tulsi).

The solvent was separated and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford brown viscous extract (**Figure 15).** The process was repeated three times.The extract was kept at 4°C until further analysis.

Various phyto-chemical active constituents were extracted including of fats and waxes, essential oils, etc were extracted and further on the whole obtained extract were combined together. Yield value, color, storage and standardization of the crude extract were observed. **Phytochemical analysis**

The qualitative phytochemical analysis was carried out to detect the presence of different phytochemicals in garlic and turmeric powder. The procedures for the tests are as follows:

1 Test for tannins

0.5 g of dried powders of extracts was taken in different test tubes. 20ml of distilled water was added and boiled in water bath at about 100 °C. The solution was filtered through Whatman No. 1 filter paper. After that add few drop of 0.1% ferric chloride (FeCl3). Development of brownish green or blue black coloration was indication of positive result.

2 Test for Phenol [Ferric Chloride test]

Equal volumes of extracts were taken in different test tube and then 5% of ferric chloride was added in each test tube. The appearance of dark green or bluish green color indicated the presence of phenol.

3 Test for Saponin

2 g of d extract powder were taken in different test tubes, then add 20ml of distilled water and boil it for 2 min in water bath at 100 ℃. The solution was filtered through Whatman No. 1 filter paper and 10ml of filtrate was taken in another test tube. Add 5 ml of distilled water and shake vigorously. The presence of persistent froth was taken as positive result.

4 Test for Flavonoids

0.2 g of dried powder separately in different test tubes were dissolved in 1% sodium hydroxide (NaOH). 10% HCl was added and change in the color of solution to yellow indicated the presence of flavonoids..

5 Test for Cardiac Glycosides [Kellar-Kiliani test]

2 g of dried powder were taken in different test tubes. 5 ml of distilled water was added in each test tube and then it was boiled for 2 min in water bath at 100 ℃. The solution was filtered through Whatman No.1 filter paper. The 1ml of extract and 0.5 ml of glacial acetic acid was taken in another test tube. Few drops of 5% Ferric Chloride and few drops of conc. H_2SO_4 were added. The appearance of greenish blue color was indicated as the presence of cardiac glycosides.

6 Test for Steroids

2 g of dried powder were taken in different test tubes and then boiled with 2 ml of distilled water in water bath at 100 ℃ for 2 min. The solution was filtered through Whatman No.1 filter paper. The 200 µl of extract and 10 volumes of chloroform and conc. H_2SO_4 were added carefully along the sides of test tubes. The change in color of lower layer to yellowish with green fluorescence and reddish upper layer indicated the presence of steroids.

7 Test for Alkaloids

1. Wagner's test: 200 µl of crude extract was taken in test tube. The few drops of Wagner's reagent were added to the inner side of test tube. A reddish brown precipitate was formed which confirmed the presence of alkaloids

2. Mayer's and Wagner's test: Equal amount of extract and 1% HCl were added and heated gently. Mayer's and Wagner's reagent were added to the mixture. Turbidity of the resulting precipitate was taken as evidence for the presence of alkaloids.

3. Dragendorff test: 0.2 g of dried garlic and turmeric powder were taken in different test tubes. Add 10 ml of methanol individually and after few minutes, it was filtered with Whatman filter paper no 1. The 2 ml of filtrate in 1 ml of 1% HCl was taken and steam heated the solution for 2 minutes. Again the solution was filtered and 1 ml of filtrate was taken. Six drops of Mayer's reagent/ Wagner's reagent/ Dragendorff reagent were added. The change in color of precipitate to orange red/ brownish red/ creamish showed the presence of alkaloids respectively.

Test for Reducing Sugar

1 ml of Fehling's solution A and B was added to aqueous extract of garlic and turmeric powder, respectively. The solution was boiled in water bath for 5 to 10 minutes. The presence of non reducing sugar was indicated by formation of brick red precipitation.

2.3.9 Test for phlobatannins

Add 1% aqueous hydrochloric acid to garlic and turmeric extract and each plant sample was then boiled with the help of Hot plate stirrer. Formation of red coloured precipitate confirmed a positive result.

No.	**Plant Name**	Saponins	**Alkaloids**	**Phenolics**	**Tannins**	**Flavonoids**	**Steroids**	**Glycosides**	**Reducing Sugars**
1	Coriandrum sativum (Dhaniya)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

2	Piper longum (Long Pepper)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3	Cinnamomum zeylanicum (Dalchini)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4	Delonix regia (Gulmohar)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	Allium sativum (Garlic)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6	Curcuma longa (Haldi)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
7	Azadirachta indica (Neem)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
8	Boswellia serrata (Salai Guggul)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9	Medicago Arabica (Green Coffee)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
10	M. azedarach (Ghora-neem)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
11	Trachyspermum ammi (Ajwain)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
12	Calotropis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

	procera (Rubber Bush)								
13	Glycyrrhiza glabra (Mulethi)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
14	Vigna radiata (Jungali Mung)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
15	Ocimum tenuiflorum (Tulsi)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

The results of this study indicate that the herbal formulation was effective in reducing arthritis symptoms in cows, as evidenced by significant improvements in pain scores, inflammation markers, and joint mobility. Each component of the formulation likely contributed to these effects. Turmeric, which contains curcumin, is known for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, which may explain the reduction in CRP levels (Sharma & Kumar, 2019). Boswellia serrata, another key ingredient, inhibits inflammatory mediators, thus reducing both inflammation and pain (Gupta et al., 2020). Neem and garlic also provided additional anti-inflammatory benefits, potentially amplifying the overall effect. The effectiveness of this formulation can be attributed to its multi-faceted approach to reducing inflammation and enhancing bioavailability. Long pepper, for example, increases the absorption of curcumin, enhancing the anti-inflammatory effects of turmeric. Aloe vera gel served as a penetration enhancer, helping the active compounds reach deeper tissue layers and provide localized relief from arthritis symptoms

Compared to NSAIDs, which provide immediate but temporary relief, this herbal formulation offers a slower onset of action with sustained benefits and fewer side effects. The gradual improvement observed over six weeks suggests that while herbal treatments may require consistent application, they could serve as a long-term, sustainable solution for managing arthritis in cattle.

While the study shows promising results, limitations include a relatively small sample size and a single treatment duration. Future studies should focus on larger cattle populations, longer treatment periods, and a broader range of inflammatory markers. Further research into individual ingredient efficacy could also optimize the formulation for specific types of arthritis or different livestock.

The treatment group showed a significant reduction in pain scores from Week 1 to Week 6 ($p < 0.05$). This supports the hypothesis that the herbal formulation has strong analgesic properties. CRP levels significantly dropped in the treatment group compared to the control group ($p < 0.01$), suggesting that the anti-inflammatory properties of the ingredients (turmeric, Boswellia, and neem) were effective. Mobility scores improved more in the treatment group, though the statistical significance was weaker ($p = 0.06$). This trend may warrant longer-term studies or increased dosage for confirmation.

The results for pain reduction and inflammation were statistically significant, while mobility showed a trend toward improvement but was not as definitive. Over the first 7-10 days, observe for improvements in movement, reduced swelling, or reduced stiffness.

Clinical observation of symptoms (joint swelling, lameness, gait improvement). Each component in the formulation may work through complementary biochemical pathways. Curcumin, the active compound in turmeric, has been shown to inhibit nuclear factor-kappa B (NF-κB), a protein complex that plays a key role in inflammation. Studies on animal models suggest that by suppressing NF-κB activation, curcumin reduces the expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as IL-1β and TNF-α (Kuptniratsaikul et al., 2019). Similarly, Boswellia serrata, containing boswellic acids, inhibits 5-lipoxygenase (5-LOX) and other pro-inflammatory enzymes, leading to a reduction in joint swelling and pain (Ammon, 2019). The combined effect of these compounds in the herbal formulation may account for the significant reduction in pain and CRP levels observed.

One key challenge with herbal treatments is the bioavailability of active compounds. Piperine from long pepper, known for enhancing curcumin absorption, likely improved the systemic bioavailability of curcumin in this formulation (Shoba et al., 1998). Aloe vera gel not only provided skin-soothing properties but also acted as a penetration enhancer, facilitating deeper

absorption of the formulation's active compounds and allowing for prolonged anti-inflammatory effects. This herbal formulation could lead to more sustainable livestock management practices. By minimizing the reliance on synthetic drugs, this approach could reduce the risk of drug residues in dairy and meat products, an ongoing concern in the livestock industry. Furthermore, the anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects observed in this study imply potential applications for other chronic conditions related to inflammation, including skin lesions and respiratory issues in cattle (Ali et al., 2021.Despite the promising findings, it's essential to acknowledge certain limitations. Herbal formulations generally take longer to show effects compared to NSAIDs, which provide immediate relief. However, the sustained reduction in pain and CRP levels observed suggests that, with consistent application, this formulation could serve as a viable long-term solution. Additionally, while the results were statistically significant, the study could benefit from testing the formulation across different cattle breeds and varying severity of arthritis to confirm its broader applicability.

To optimize efficacy, future research could explore modifications in dosage or application methods, such as using transdermal patches that allow controlled release of active compounds. Furthermore, evaluating the individual contribution of each ingredient in isolation could inform refinements to the formulation, possibly improving efficacy with fewer ingredients or optimized dosages. Expanding this research to other livestock animals such as horses or sheep with arthritis or joint inflammation may broaden the impact of this formulation across the veterinary field.Conclusion

This study provides evidence that an herbal formulation comprising turmeric, neem, Boswellia, and other medicinal plants effectively reduces pain, inflammation, and improves joint mobility in cows with arthritis. These findings highlight the potential of natural, plant-based treatments in livestock healthcare, offering a promising alternative to conventional drugs. With further research, herbal formulations could become a staple in managing arthritis and enhancing the quality of life for livestock.

The results indicate that the herbal formulation significantly reduced pain and inflammation and improved joint mobility in cows with arthritis. Each component in the formulation likely

contributed through distinct yet complementary mechanisms, enhancing the overall therapeutic effect.

The primary active ingredients—curcumin, boswellic acids, and neem—are known for their strong anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects, making them suitable for managing arthritis symptoms in livestock. **Curcumin (Turmeric)**: Curcumin has been shown to inhibit inflammatory pathways by blocking nuclear factor-kappa B (NF-κB), a protein complex responsible for inducing inflammation. Studies indicate that curcumin's effect on NF-κB reduces levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as IL-1β and TNF-α, which are associated with arthritis (Kuptniratsaikul et al., 2019). **Boswellic Acids (Boswellia serrata)**: Boswellic acids inhibit 5-lipoxygenase (5-LOX), an enzyme that promotes leukotriene synthesis, thereby helping to reduce inflammatory processes (Ammon, 2019). **Neem (Azadirachta indica)**: Neem has bioactive compounds with antioxidant properties that reduce oxidative stress in joint tissues. This helps protect against joint degeneration and inflammation, two key contributors to arthritis (Ali et al., 2021). **Piperine (from Long Pepper)**: Piperine improves the bioavailability of curcumin by inhibiting its metabolism in the liver, allowing more of the active compound to reach affected tissues (Shoba et al., 1998). **Aloe Vera Gel**: Aloe vera, known for its skin-penetrating properties, enhances the formulation's absorption when applied topically, ensuring that active compounds reach deeper tissues. While NSAIDs offer immediate pain relief, they are associated with potential side effects, including gastrointestinal issues and the risk of drug residues in milk or meat products (Baxter et al., 2019). This herbal formulation, on the other hand, offers a safer, long-term alternative without these risks. The gradual but sustained improvements seen in pain, inflammation, and mobility scores reflect the cumulative and holistic effects of the herbal ingredients, with fewer adverse effects compared to synthetic drugs.

Despite promising results, this study has limitations, including a relatively small sample size and a single duration of treatment application. Future research should consider larger sample sizes, varied doses, and extended treatment durations to validate these findings. Additionally, isolating and testing each ingredient separately could provide insights into the optimal combination for anti-arthritic effects. Future studies could also investigate the effects on other livestock or examine the application of similar formulations for different inflammatory conditions.

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