



# Creation and Assessment of the Transdermal Patch Containing Extracted CBD and its Anti-Inflammatory Qualities

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## ABSTRACT:

**Introduction:** The transdermal medication delivery system is a unique way to drug administration that overcomes the drawbacks of conventional dosing. The oral route of administration of 74% of medications may not be effective enough. One of the benefits of transdermal medicine administration is that it never causes discomfort. A biological reaction of the immune system, inflammation can be caused on by diseases, wounded cells, and toxic substances. Cannabis plants contain a non-intoxicating substance called CBD..

**Objectives:** The goal of this project was to create anti-inflammatory transdermal patches that would circumvent metabolism and solve every issue with traditional dosing forms..

**Methods:** In this study, a transdermal patch containing herbal Extracted medicinal Oil, such as CBD oil, was developed to alleviate inflammation and pain. Polymers and extracted CBD oil were combined to create transdermal patches by the solvent casting technique.

**Results:** The patches were assessed using physicochemical criteria, including pH, flatness, moisture absorption, drug content, thickness, folding endurance, physical appearance, and weight homogeneity. Additionally, an invitro drug release and stability study was conducted.

**Conclusions:** In comparison to other formulations, the P5 formulation also has a noticeable effect. Additional in-vitro dissolving research can verify this; the findings supported the notion that the dissolve rate was higher than for other patches.

## 1. Introduction

Transdermal drug delivery systems (TDDS) have attracted more attention as a means of administering medications via the skin for both systemic and topical distribution, as well as for local therapeutic effects on skin diseases. In comparison to many other drug administration routes, the skin offers a number of important advantages when it comes to drug delivery. These advantages include the ability to avoid issues with gastric irritation, pH, and emptying rate effects; the avoidance of hepatic first-pass metabolism, which increases the drug's bioavailability; the reduction of systemic side effects by minimizing plasma concentrations when compared to oral therapy; and the provision of a sustained release of the drug at the site of application. The decrease in medication changes in

plasma levels and the prevention of injection-related discomfort. Additionally, pulsed entrance into the systemic circulation which frequently results in unfavorable side effects can be eliminated by transdermal administration. 1

"Patches" is another term for the transdermal drug delivery system (TDDS). The use of traditional dose forms, such tablets or capsules, has drawbacks, such as low bioavailability due to hepatic first pass metabolism or drug breakdown in the gastrointestinal tract (GIT) via enzyme interactions. Through its potential to inhibit enzymatic or acid-mediated degradation as well as first pass metabolism, TDDSs can improve bioavailability.2 Transdermal distribution of the medication via the epidermis at a regulated rate during the therapeutic



window is an intriguing and patient-compliant new drug delivery technology.<sup>3</sup>

The skin offers several benefits over other drug delivery methods, including increased patient compliance, reduced gastric irritation, enhanced bioavailability, reduced risk of systemic side effects, sustained drug release, and rapid termination of therapy through reapplication. Thus, TDDS has the potential to reduce adverse effects and increase patient compliance. <sup>4</sup>

A painful feeling is a sign that there is an issue in one or more body parts. In general, pain happens whenever bodily tissue is injured, albeit its exact description is unknown.<sup>5</sup> all around the body exist afferent pain fibers and pain receptors. Peripheral receptors are the source of the pain feeling when mechanical, thermal, electrical, chemical, etc. stimuli are applied at a threshold high enough to injure tissue. <sup>6</sup> Inflammation is the body's normal reaction to a range of outside agents, including harmful drugs, bodily trauma, and invasive microorganisms. These factors cause the body to retain blood and plasma.<sup>7</sup> the body uses inflammation as a natural defense mechanism to get rid of irritating stimuli, but if it is not appropriately handled, it can cause further harm and eventually lead to chronic inflammation. <sup>8</sup>

The phytocannabinoid known as cannabidiol (CBD) was identified in 1940. Together with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), it is one of the 113 known cannabinoids found in cannabis plants. It makes up as much as 40% of the plant's extract. <sup>9</sup> The treatment of anxiety, addiction, psychosis, movement disorders, and pain was the focus of clinical research on CBD as of 2022; however, there is not enough high-quality data to support the effectiveness of cannabidiol for these ailments. <sup>10-13</sup>

## 2. Objectives

Develop and Authenticate Herbal Transdermal patches using Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil for the treatment of Inflammation & Pain. The aim of the study is to prepare and evaluate the Herbal Transdermal patches for the treatment of Inflammation & Pain by using Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil.

## 3. Methods

### Preformulation studies of drug.

#### Phytochemical screening:

Numerous phytochemical components have been verified to be present in Cannabis sativa L. seeds. In order to preserve their quality, it is crucial to set a standard. To identify the different phytochemical components, the extracts undergo preliminary phytochemical examination. Among the other substances found in the study were alkaloids, glycosides, flavonoids, and tannins.

#### Determination of UV absorption maxima ( $\lambda$ max):

The identification of drug was done by UV spectrophotometric method. From the spectra,  $\lambda$  max Cannabidiol was observed at 210 nm. The spectral data from this scan was used for the preparation of a calibration curve of Cannabidiol.

#### Construction Of Standard Calibration Curve Of Cbd: Construction Of Standard Calibration Curve Of Cannabidiol Methanol

The calibration curve is obtained by dissolving 100 mg of CBD in 100 ml of methanol to give 1000  $\mu$ g/ml this was stock-I solution. From the above, 1 ml solution was taken and made up to 10 ml with methanol to give 100  $\mu$ g/ml this was stock- II. From stock-II 2, 4, 6, 8 ml was taken and made up to 10ml with methanol this gave concentration 2, 4, 6, 8, 10  $\mu$ g/ml. Absorbance was measured spectrophotometric ally at 209nm against methanol as blank.

#### Determination of solubility:

The solubility analysis for Cannabidiol was done by solubility determination in different solvents like Water, Chloroform, Acetonitrile, Ethanol, Methanol, etc.

#### Development Of Transdermal Patch: [21]

##### Solvent casting evaporation technique:

The patches were developed by solvent casting evaporation technique. A weighed amount of polymer was mixed in a calculated quantity of Distilled Water and then heated on hot plate. The calculated amount of Drug was added to the polymer solution and thoroughly mixed until the mixture became homogeneous using magnetic stirrer. After the permeation enhancer and glycerin were then added in the calculated amounts. The



resulting solution was put into a petridish and air dried for 24 hours at room temperature. The patches from the petridish were then removed with a knife and then

stored in a desiccator. All formulation batches are given in Table 1

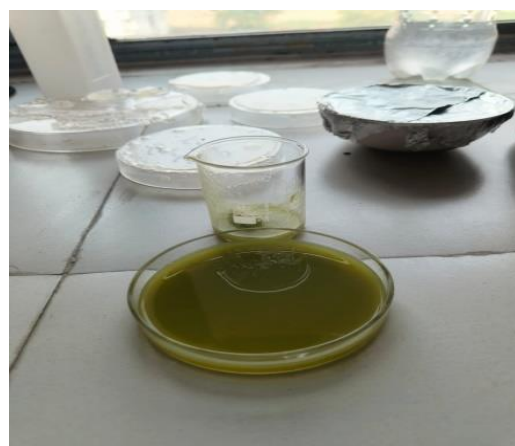
. **Table No-3:** Composition of transdermal patches:

F. c	Drug (mg)	Gg (mg)	Xg (mg)	Span 80(ml)	Glycerin (ml)	Water/Methanol (ml)
P1	40	70	70	1	3	20
P2	40	100	70	1	3	20
P3	40	70	100	1	3	20
P4	40	100	100	1	3	20
P5	40	70	85	0.5	3	20
P6	40	100	85	0.5	3	20
P7	40	70	85	1.5	3	20
P8	40	100	85	1.5	3	20
P9	40	85	70	0.5	3	20
P10	40	85	100	0.5	3	20
P11	40	85	70	1.5	3	20
P12	40	85	100	1.5	3	20
P13	40	85	85	1	3	20

1ml=20mg of CBD [36]



**Figure 5:** Preparation of Casting Solution on Magnetic Stirrer



**Figure 6:** Casting Solution Is Poured In a Petridish

#### Evaluation Parameters of Transdermal Patch:

The physical and mechanical characteristics, as well as the permeability of the medicines, are significantly impacted by the transdermal films' composition and



concentration. Medicated transdermal films' mechanical and physical characteristics, including their elasticity modules, tensile strength, moisture absorption, percent flatness, and percent elongation at break, were examined. In vitro drug release, drug content, and area were also assessed for medicated films.

### I. Organoleptic Characteristics:

#### A. Visual appearance:

The Appearance, color, Clarity, Smoothness, and flexibility of the TDDS were assessed visually. 22

### II. Physico-Chemical Evaluation:

#### A. Folding endurance:

A certain 2x2 cm section of the strip was cut consistently, and then folded repeatedly until it broke. The amount of times the film was folded at the same spot—either to break the film or to cause visible cracks—was what determined the folding endurance rating. 23, 24

#### B. Thickness:

Using a screw gauge and least count at five distinct locations, the thickness of the produced transdermal films was determined. An SD was used to compute the average. 25

#### C. Weight variation:

The average weight was determined by weighing each of the ten patches from each formulation separately. A substantial deviation from the average weight is not acceptable for any individual. 26

#### D. Drug Content:

A transdermal patch measuring 2 by 2 centimeters was dissolved in 100 milliliters of methanol and vigorously shaken for a whole day. After that, the entire solution was ultrasonically treated for fifteen minutes. Following filtering, spectrophotometry at 210 nm was used to determine the drug's concentration. 27

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Drug Content \%} &= \frac{\text{Absorbance of test}}{\text{absorbance of standard}} \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

#### E. Percentage moisture content:

The produced films were weighed one at a time and stored for twenty-four hours at room temperature in a

desiccator filled with fused calcium chloride. Following a 24-hour period, the films were weighed again, and the % moisture content was calculated using the formula below:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percentage moisture content} &= \frac{[(\text{Initial weight} \\ &- \text{Final weight})/\text{Final weight}] \\ &\times 100. \end{aligned}$$

#### F. Percentage Moisture Uptake:

To maintain an 84% relative humidity, the weighted films were stored in a desiccator with a saturated potassium chloride solution for 24 hours at room temperature. The films were reweighed after a 24-hour period, and the % moisture absorption was calculated using the formula below: 28

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percentage moisture uptake} &= \frac{[(\text{Final weight} \\ &- \text{Initial weight})/\text{Initial weight}] \\ &\times 100. \end{aligned}$$

#### G. Tensile strength:

The polymeric patch was pulled using a pulley system to measure the elongation as a tensile strength. Weights were progressively added to the pan to increase the pulling force until the patch broke. Using a magnifying glass and graph paper, the elongation—that is, the distance the pointer moved before the patch broke—was measured. The tensile strength was computed as kg cm<sup>-2</sup>. 30

$$\text{Tensile Strength} = \frac{\text{Break Force}}{a \cdot b (1 + \Delta L/L)}$$

Where; a = width of the patch, b = thickness of the patch, L = length of the patch, ΔL = elongation of patch at break point, Break Force = weight required to break the patch (Kg).

#### H. Flatness:

From each film, three longitudinal strips were removed: one from the left side, one from the right side, and one from the middle. Every strip's length was measured, and the percentage of constriction (0% constriction = 100% flatness) was used to calculate the length variation resulting from non-uniformity in flatness. 31



### III. In-vitro drug dissolution study:

Paddle over disk was the approach used for in vitro drug release experiments. Dry films of defined thicknesses were weighed, sliced into circles, and adhered to a glass plate using an adhesive. After that, the plate was submerged in 500 milliliters of phosphate buffer (pH 7.4), and the device was adjusted to  $32 \pm 0.5$  degrees Celsius. After that, the paddle was adjusted to be 2.5 cm away from the glass plate and run at 50 rpm. Samples (5 mL aliquots) were taken out at predetermined intervals for up to 12 hours, and a double beam UV-visible spectrophotometer was used to measure the amount of drug present at 210 nm. Three duplicates of the experiment were run, and the mean value was computed. 29

## 4. Results

### Phytochemical screening

Preliminary phytochemical analysis of Cannabis sativa L Seeds extract

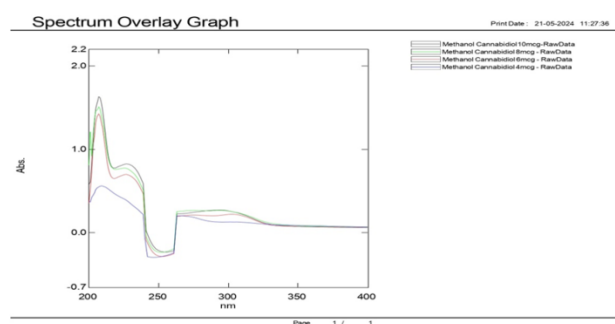
**Table 5:** Phytochemical screening of plant extracts

PHYTOCHEMICAL	QUALITY	COLOR	TEST
Alkaloid	+++	Orange	Dragendof's
Saponin	-		
Flavonoids	++	Light Yellow	Lead acetate
Tannins	-		
Cardiac Glycosides	+++	Reddish Brown	Keller-Killani
Balsam	-		
Phenols	-		
Terpenes & Steroids	+++	Reddish Brown	Bur chard
Resins	+++	Violet	
Volatile Oils	-		

+++High presence ++ moderate presence – Absence

### Determination of UV absorption maxima ( $\lambda$ max):

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**Fig 8:** UV ABSORPTION MAXIMA ( $\lambda$  max) of CBD extract

### Construction of Standard Calibration Curve of Cannabidiol

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**Table 6:** Construction of Standard Calibration Curve of Cannabidiol extract

S.No	Concentration of Cannabidiol extract	Absorbance at 210 nm
1	2 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	0.206
2	4 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	0.507
3	6 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	0.839
4	8 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	1.138
5	10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	1.428

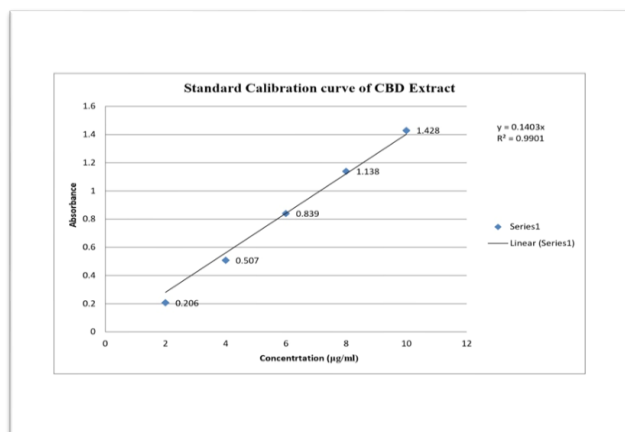


Fig 9: Calibration Curve of Cannabidiol extract

**Development of transdermal patch:**

Transdermal patches of Cannabidiol extract were successfully developed using the solvent casting evaporation technique. The developed film was homogeneous, flexible, smooth, and clear.

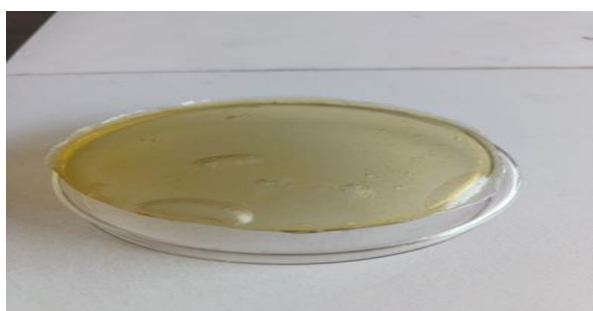


Figure 10: Developed of transdermal patch

**Evaluation of Herbal transdermal patches:**

Organoleptic Characteristics

Table 7: Organoleptic Characteristics of Herbal Transdermal patches

S. No	Formulation	Appearance	Color	Smoothness	Flexibility
1	P1	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible

2	P2	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
3	P3	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
4	P4	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
5	P5	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
6	P6	Uniform Preparation	Dark yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
7	P7	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
8	P8	Uniform Preparation	Dark yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
9	P9	Uniform Preparation	Light yellowish	Smooth	Flexible



		ration	green		
10	P10	Uniformed Preparation	Dark yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
11	P11	Uniformed Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
12	P12	Uniformed Preparation	Dark yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible
13	P13	Uniformed Preparation	Light yellowish green	Smooth	Flexible

	13	±0.02	±19.08	
P5	102±1.72	0.24±0.01	400±11.31	5.06±1.73
P6	86±1.32	0.21±0.03	458±4.71	3.61±0.72
P7	87±1.72	0.19±0.03	396±11.48	3.93±0.58
P8	98±2.35	0.21±0.01	599±10.51	2.27±0.46
P9	83±3.97	0.24±0.02	432±8.98	4.84±1.02
P10	90±1.13	0.23±0.02	502±8.98	2.44±0.42
P11	93±2.26	0.22±0.02	400±14.76	3.34±0.98
P12	92±2.35	0.23±0.02	480±17.32	2.77±0.26
P13	87±2.35	0.23±0.02	502±4.08	2.79±0.51

**Table 9:** Physiochemical evaluation of herbal transdermal patches

### Physiochemical Evaluation:

**Table 8:** Physiochemical evaluation of herbal transdermal patches

Formulation	Folding Endurance	Thickness (mm)	Weight Variation (mg)	% Moisture content
P1	100±2.26	0.23±0.01	335±3.39	6.94±1.95
P2	94.33±5.8	0.18±0.02	496±8.64	2.24±0.8
P3	100±1.13	0.22±0.02	461±9.88	3.81±0.47
P4	101±1.	0.18	545	2.78±0.9

Formulation	% Drug content	% Moisture uptake	Tensile strength(kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) (mean ± S.D.)	Flatness
P1	98.54±0.92	6±0.49	0.26±0.04	100%
P2	95.79±1.48	4.5±1.07	0.32±0.07	100%
P3	83.17±0.70	4.26±1.26	0.37±0.05	100%
P4	98.7±0.84	3.5±1.176	0.49±0.03	100%
P5	88.18±0.63	5.38±0.82	0.37±0.09	100%
P6	94.33±0	4.06	0.29±0.08	100%





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