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A Comprehensive Review of Herbal Toothpaste Formulations: Efficacy, Phytochemical Constituents, and Clinical Implications for Oral Health

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Abstract: Pediatric dental health is of paramount importance, and preventive measures such as regular brushing with appropriate toothpaste play a crucial role. Over recent years, there has been growing interest in the use of herbal-based toothpaste formulations, particularly in pediatric dental care. This comprehensive review aims to provide an overview of the formulation and evaluation of poly-herbal toothpaste tailored for pediatric use. The review begins with a background on pediatric oral health, emphasizing the significance of toothpaste in dental care routines. It highlights the increasing interest in poly-herbal formulations and outlines the purpose of the review article. Subsequently, the review delves into the concept of poly-herbal toothpaste, discussing the rationale behind using multiple herbal ingredients and elaborating on the commonly used herbs such as neem, turmeric, clove, peppermint, amla, and black pepper, along with their roles in oral health promotion. Furthermore, the review covers formulation techniques and methods, including ingredient selection, extraction methods, compatibility studies, excipient selection, manufacturing processes, and quality control considerations. It also discusses various evaluation parameters for poly-herbal toothpaste, encompassing physical characteristics, mechanical properties, biological properties, and stability studies. Additionally, the review examines clinical efficacy and safety considerations, presenting evidence-based studies and recommendations for pediatric use. Finally, it explores future perspectives and challenges in poly-herbal toothpaste formulations, highlighting emerging trends, potential research areas, regulatory challenges, and market acceptance. Overall, this review provides valuable insights into the formulation, evaluation, and clinical implications of poly-herbal toothpaste for pediatric dental care, paving the way for further research and development in this promising field.

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