Optimization of Glyceryl Polyacrylate in Nanoemulgel of Mangosteen (Garcinia mangostana L.) Rind Fraction

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The mangosteen fruit rind fraction positively contains flavonoids and polyphenols which can act as an antioxidant anti-inflammatory. The use of mangosteen rind fraction in topical preparations requires a good delivery system to support percutaneous penetration, one of which is nanoemulsion. The topical use of nanoemulsion has low viscosity and to increase the penetration of active compound, therefore it needs to be formulated into nanoemulgel preparations. In formulating nanoemulgel preparations, the optimum concentration of gelling agents is needed to obtain a nanoemulgel that meets the physical and chemical characteristics of the gel preparation. Therefore we need an optimization of glyceryl polyacrylate gelling agent in order to obtain a nanoemulgel with good characteristics. Nanoemulgel for mangosteen rind fraction was made in four formulas with gelling agent concentrations of glyceryl polyacrylate as much as 1% (F1), 2% (F2), 3% (F3), and 4% (F4). The nanoemulgel has been evaluated for its physical and chemical characteristics including organoleptic test, homogeneity, adhesion, viscosity, dispersibility, and pH. The active substance release test is carried out on a gel that meets the overall requirements for physical and chemical properties. The analysis showed that the F1 produced a nanoemulgel that met the physical and chemical characteristics of the semisolid preparations. Organoleptic of F1 isi semisolid form with yellow color and typically garcinia fruit rind fraction odor, homogen mixture, 1 ± 0.02s adhesion, 8340 ± 555 viscosity, 6.87 ± 0.39 cm2 spreadability, and 6.39 ± 0.01 pH. The results of the release of active substances showed that the F1 formula was able to release 49.9% of active substances in 10 minutes and within 480 minutes was able to release 96.54% of active substances with a total flux of 5.36 µg / cm2 minutes which fulfill the release requirement. Based on these results, it can be concluded that glyceryl polyacrylate with a concentration of 1% can produce good nanoemulgel.

Keywords: Glyceryl Polyacrylate; Mangosteen; Nanoemulgel; Nanoemulsion; Release Test.

Mangosteen is a tropical tree that grows in Southeast Asia. In Ayurvedic medicine the mangosteen use agains inflammation, diarrhea, cholera, and dysentery. The Southeast Asians people use mangosteen to treath the skin infections and wound. The mangosteen rind fraction was positive for polyphenols and flavonoids\textsuperscript{10}. The mangosteen rind fraction has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activity. The use of mangosteen rind fraction directly in topical dosage formulations requires a good delivery system to support percutaneous absorption and penetration. The delivery system that can be used is the nanoparticle system, namely the nanoemulgel.
Nanoemulgel is a nanoemulsion formation in the hydrogel. Nanoemulsion can form by the addition of a nanoemulsion system into the hydrogel matrix. The preparation in the form of nanoparticles has better stability compared to conventional emulsions. It can maintain the stability of the preparation against aggregation, separation against gravity and oxidation.

The gelling agent component is one of the critical factors that can affect the physical and chemical stability of the resulting gel preparation. The gelling agent used is glyceryl polyacrylate. Glyceryl polyacrylate is an ester of glycerin with polyacrylate which can be used as an emollient, surfactant, gelling agent, and emulsifying agent.

The use of glyceryl polyacrylate with an optimal concentration can produce good preparation. A good gel must meet the requirements of the required physical and chemical properties, can release active substances, and be able to penetrate the skin.

The penetration test was carried out for preparations that had met the requirements of the physical and chemical properties of the gel, which was carried out through Franz diffusion cells to obtain the penetration flux of the active substance. The franz diffusion cell is a system that can be used to test the penetration ability of semisolid preparations. Franz diffusion cell consist of a donor compartment and a receptor compartment. The penetration test uses a separation membrane that placed between the donor compartment and the receptor compartment which functions as a simulation of human skin. The purpose of this study was to obtain an optimal nanoemulgel formula for mangosteen rind that fulfills the physical and chemical properties of semisolid preparations and be able to release active substances optimally.

**MATERIAL AND METHODS**

The tools used in this research thermometer, analytical scales (Adam AFP-360L), pH meter (Oakton pH 510 series), Brookfield DV-E viscometer. The materials used in this study according to (Samala and Seridevi, 2016; Sengupta and Chatterjee, 2017) are mangosteen rind nanoemulsion, glycerin (Asland), glyceryl polyacrylate (Asland), aquades (Asland), propylene glycol (Asland), phenoxyethanol (Asland), caprylyl glycol (Asland).

**Preparation of mangosteen fruit rind Nanoemulgel**

Glyceryl polyacrylate is added with distilled water and then stirred to form a gel-like mass. Glycerin was added to the distilled water mixture with glyceryl polyacrylate and stirred until it was homogeneous (Mixture I). Phenoxyethanol is first mixed with capryl glycol, and propylene glycol is then added to the mixture I. Nanoemulsion is added gradually while stirring until homogeneous.

**Physical and chemical properties of mangosteen rind fraction nanoemulgel**

**Organoleptic**

Organoleptic observations were carried out by directly observing the texture, color, and smell of the nanoemulgel fraction of the mangosteen rind.

**Homogeneity**

Homogeneity testing is carried out to produce a homogeneous preparation without any particles or coarse fibers. The test is carried out by smearing the substance on a piece of glass or other suitable transparent material. The presence or absence of coarse particles or fibers was observed.

**Adhesion**

0.25 grams of nanoemulgel placed it in two glass objects, then given a load of 1 kg for 5 minutes. After that, it is lifted and given a load of 80 grams. Time required for two glass objects to separate was calculated. The good adhesion if the time needed to separate the glass objects is more than 1 second.

**Viscosity**

Viscosity measurement is done by placing the sample in a Brookfield viscometer until the spindle is submerged. Set the spindle and speed to be used. Taken 6 speed points, namely 10 rpm, 20 rpm, 30 rpm, 50 rpm, 60 rpm, and 100 rpm.

**Spreadability**

A total of 1 gram of gel preparation is placed carefully on a glass measuring 20 cm x 20 cm. Then covered with mica paper and weighted on it until the weight reaches 125 grams, then measured the diameter formed after 1 minute.

**pH**

PH measurements were carried out by
diluting 1 gram of the gel preparation using 10 mL of distilled water. Measured the pH of the diluted solution using a pH meter. The pH meter electrode is immersed in the solution being tested, the pH meter needle is allowed to move until it shows a fixed position. The pH indicated by the pH meter needle was recorded.  

**Penetration**  
The penetration test was carried out using the Franz diffusion cell method. The media in the receptor compartment used phosphate buffer with a pH of 7.4. The membrane used is the skin of the Python reticulates. The receptor compartment is filled with phosphate buffer pH 7.4 to the brim and a magnetic stirrer is inserted and the temperature is kept at 32 °C. The snakeskin is placed between the donor compartment and the receptor compartment with the stratum corneum facing up. 3 grams of gel is put into the assay in the donor compartment and the magnetic stirrer is run at 250 rpm. Samples were taken as much as 2 mL and carried out at minutes 10, 30, 45, 60, 90, 120, 180, 240, 300, 360, 420, and 480. The samples taken were then analyzed using UV spectrophotometry to determine the total flavonoid content.\textsuperscript{4,13,16}

### Table 1. Nanoemulgel formula for mangosteen rind fraction

| Material                  | F1 (%) | F2 (%) | F3 (%) | F4 (%) |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mangosteen rind fraction  | 12     | 12     | 12     | 12     |
| Glyceryl polyacrylate     | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
| Glycerin                  | 12     | 12     | 12     | 12     |
| Propylene glycol          | 10     | 10     | 10     | 10     |
| Phenoxyethanol            | 0.7    | 0.7    | 0.7    | 0.7    |
| Caprilyl glycol           | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.3    |
| Aquades                   | ad 100 | ad 100 | ad 100 | ad 100 |

Note: F is the acronym of formula

### Table 2. Organoleptic test result of Garcinia mangostana rind fraction nanoemulgel

| Test                  | Formula          | F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 |
|-----------------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Form                  | Semisolid        |    |    |    |    |
| Colour                | Yellow           |    |    |    |    |
| Odor                  | Typical Garcinia |    |    |    |    |
| mangostanarind fraction nanoemulgel |    |    |    |    |

**RESULT**

**Nanoemulgel of Garcinia mangostanarind fraction**  
**Physical and chemical evaluation**  
**Organoleptic**

![Fig. 1. Nanoemulsion of Garcinia mangostana L. rind fraction; (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%.](image)

Note: (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%.
Homogenity

Table 3. Homogeneity test result of Garcinia mangostana rind fraction nanoemulgel

| Test                         | Formula | F1  | F2  | F3  | F4  |
|------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Homogeneous                  | Homogeneous |     |     |     |     |
| Coarse particle              | Free    |     |     |     |     |
| Homogenous                   | Homogeneous |     |     |     |     |
| Free Coarse particle         | particle |     |     |     |     |
| Homogenous                   | Homogeneous |     |     |     |     |
| Free Coarse particle         | particle |     |     |     |     |
| Homogenous                   | Homogeneous |     |     |     |     |
| Free Coarse particle         | particle |     |     |     |     |

Note: (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%.

Adhesion

Table 4. Adhesion test result of Garcinia mangostana rind fraction nanoemulgel.

| Test              | Formula | F1          | F2          | F3          | F4          |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stickiness (s)    |         | 1 ± 0.02    | 1.14 ± 0.04 | 1.26 ± 0.05 | 1.49 ± 0.03 |

Note: (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%.

Viscosity

Table 5. Viscosity test result of Garcinia mangostana rind fraction nanoemulgel

| Test              | Formula | F1          | F2          | F3          | F4          |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Viscosity (cPs)   |         | 8340 ± 555  | 20160 ± 681 | 22000 ± 257 | 25800 ± 817 |

Note: (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%.

Spreadability

Table 6. Spreadability test result of Garcinia mangostana rind fraction nanoemulgel

| Test              | Formula | F1          | F2          | F3          | F4          |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Spreadability (cm2)|         | 6.87 ± 0.39 | 4.74 ± 0.84 | 3.35 ± 0.31 | 3.04 ± 0.32 |

Note: (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%. 
**pH**

Table 7. pH test result of Garcinia mangostana rind fraction nanoemulgel

| Test | F1   | F2   | F3   | F4   |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| pH   | 6.39± 0.01 | 6.36 ± 0.01 | 6.24 ± 0.01 | 6.13 ± 0.02 |

Note: (F1) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 1%; (F2) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 2%; (F3) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 3%; (F4) concentration of glyceryl polyacrylate 4%.

**Penetration**

![Cumulative Percentage of Penetrated Flavonoid](image)

**Fig. 2.** Cumulative percentage of penetrated flavonoid

![Flux Penetration of Flavonoid](image)

**Fig. 3.** Flux penetration of flavonoid
DISCUSSION

Organoleptic testing carried out is an observation of shape, color, and smell. The four formulas were made to produce nanoemulgel with a semisolid form, a distinctive odor of mangosteen rind nanoemulsion, and a yellow color such as nanoemulsion. This yellow color is produced by the dye betaxanthin and mangostin compounds contained in the mangosteen rind fraction.

The homogeneity test was carried out to see the uniformity of the components in the nanoemulgel preparation. Good preparation must be homogeneous and free of particles or coarse fibers so that it does not cause irritation and is evenly distributed when applied. Based on table 3, the entire nanoemulgel formula produces a homogeneous preparation with no particles or coarse fiber. This shows that all formulas meet the requirements of the homogeneity test.

Good adhesion of nanoemulgel, namely nanoemulgel can adhere more than 1 second. Based on the test results, the four formulas have good adhesion, which is > 1 second. Based on statistical analysis with SPSS, the difference in adhesion of each formula showed insignificant results with a p-value > 0.05, namely 0.210. This means that the glycerin polyacrylate concentration in each formula does not give a significant difference in adhesion.

The viscosity of a preparation can affect the dispersibility parameters and the release of the active substance from nanoemulgel preparations. A good viscosity value for nanoemulgel is in the range of 3,000-10,000 cps. Based on the results of statistical tests, the difference in viscosity of each formula showed significant results with a p-value <0.05. This shows that the glycerin polyacrylate concentration in each formula gives a difference in viscosity.

PH testing on nanoemulgel preparations aims to determine the suitability of pH preparations with skin pH. The required preparation pH is in the range of 4.5-6.5. The pH of the nanoemulgel produced is in the range 4.5-6.5 so that the entire formula meets the pH test requirements. Based on statistical analysis with SPSS, the difference in pH of each formula showed significant results with a p-value <0.05. This means that the difference in the concentration of polyacrylate glycerin in each formula gives a different pH value.

F1 meets all requirements of good nanoemulgel and continuous penetration test. Based on Figure 2, the number of flavonoids penetrated at minute 10 reaches 49.9% and at minute 480 reaches 96.54%. Based on research conducted by Mulia et al. (2018) nanoemulgel which is made can release the active substance in the 10 minute as much as 50% and at the 480 minute as much as 95%. When compared with research from Mulia et al. (2018) nanoemulgel is made able to release the active substance from the gel base well.

Based on Figure 3, the maximum penetration flux of the nanoemulgel from the mangosteen rind fraction was found in the 10th minute which reached 13.04 µg / cm² minutes with a total flux value of 5.36 µg / cm² minutes. The graph that increases in the first 10 minutes shows the number of active substances penetrated in 10 minutes. Furthermore, there is an insignificant decrease in the graph from the 180 minute indicating that there has been an equilibrium in the concentration of the active substance in the diffusion medium. The value of the cumulative number of penetrated flavonoids and the good penetration flux of active substances is due to the good dispersibility and viscosity characteristics of the nanoemulgel preparation. The dispersion power can affect the diffusion rate across the membrane, with a wide-spreading power it can expand the diffusion area of active substances to increase the diffusion rate of active substances. Viscosity is
inversely proportional to the spreadability with the lower the viscosity, the wider the resulting dispersive power so that it can affect the widespread of nanoemulgel and can affect the diffusion rate of active substances\(^7\).

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