

Comparison of pH of Different Types of Toothpastes Used in India

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Abstract: We studied the different types of toothpastes that are used in India, in which we found the pH of each toothpaste, With which we tried to find out which toothpaste is more useful for protecting our teeth and gums. pH is maintained by all toothpaste for teeth as well as Saliva. Saliva always maintain neutral pH in the mouth, so toothpaste should maintain pH according to saliva. Tooth decay starts if the mouth does not maintain pH either by using wrong toothpaste or food habits. If pH falls below 5.5, the medium become acidic and if it continues till long time, Cavity in tooth began to start. Hence we choose to study pH of whatever toothpaste using generally in India using pH meter.

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1. Introduction

We studied the different types of toothpastes that are used in India, in which we found the pH of each toothpaste, With which we tried to find out which tooth paste is more useful for protecting our teeth and gums.

pH is defined as the negative logarithm of H^+ ion concentration. Hence the meaning of the name pH is justified as the power of hydrogen. pH of Acids and Bases Solutions having a value of pH ranging 0 to 7 on pH scale are termed as acidic and for the value of pH ranging 7 to 14 on pH scale are known as basic solution. Solution having the value of pH equal to 7 on pH scale are known as neutral solution. Solution having the value of pH equal to 0 are known to be strongly acidic solutions. Further, the acidity decreases as the value of pH increases from 0 to 7 whereas, solutions with the value of pH equal to 14 are termed as strongly basic solutions. The basicity decreases as the value of pH decreases from 14 to 7. The strength of acids and bases depends on the number of H^+ and OH^- ions produced¹.

The concept of pH was first introduced by danish chemist sorenson in 1909 in 1936 first commercial pH meter was made by arholdorvillebeakman In 1937 jenco electronics design and manufactured the first portable digital pH meter. The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation provides a relationship between the pH of acids (in aqueous solutions) and their pKa (acid dissociation constant).² The pH of a buffer solution can be estimated with the help of this equation when the concentration of the acid and its conjugate base, or the base and the corresponding conjugate acid, are known³.

The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation can be written as: $pH = pK_a + \log_{10} \left(\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]} \right)$ Where $[A^-]$ denotes the molar concentration of the conjugate base (of the acid) and $[HA]$ denotes the molar concentration of the weak acid. Therefore, the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation can also be written as: $pH = pK_a + \log \left(\frac{\text{conjugate base}}{\text{acid}} \right)$ An equation that could calculate the pH value of a given buffer solution was first derived by the American chemist Lawrence Joseph Henderson. This equation was then re-

expressed in logarithmic terms by the Danish chemist Karl Albert Hasselbalch. The resulting equation was named the Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation. Derivation of the Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation The ionization constants of strong acids and strong bases can be easily calculated with the help of direct methods. However, the same methods cannot be used with weak acids and bases since the extent of ionization of these acids and bases are very low (weak acids and bases hardly ionize). Therefore, in order to approximate the pH of these types of solutions, the Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation is used.

Let us take an example of ionization of weak acid HA:



Acid dissociation constant, K_a can be given as:

$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$ Taking, negative log of RHS and LHS:

$$-\log K_a = -\log \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} \Rightarrow -\log K_a = -\log [H^+] - \log [A^-] + \log [HA]$$

As we know, $-\log [H^+] = pH$
 $-\log K_a = pK_a$

The equation above can also be written as,
 $pK_a = pH - \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$

Rearranging the equation, $pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$

The above equation is known as Henderson-Hasselbalch equation, popularly known as Henderson equation. It is very useful for estimating the pH of a buffer solution and finding the equilibrium pH in acid-base reactions.

From the equation we can infer when $pH = pK_a$
 $\log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]} = 1$
That is, when $pH = pK_a$

Concentration of both the species are same or in other

words, acid will be half dissociated. Similarly, for a weak base B:

$B + H_2O \rightleftharpoons OH^- + HB^+$
 $B + H_2O \rightleftharpoons OH^- + HB^+$ Base dissociation constant, K_b , of the base can be given as,
 $K_b = \frac{[OH^-][HB^+]}{[B]}$ Taking negative log of RHS and LHS
 $-\log K_b = -\log \frac{[OH^-][HB^+]}{[B]}$
 $-\log K_b = -\log [OH^-] - \log [HB^+] + \log [B]$
 $-\log K_b = -\log [OH^-] - \log [HB^+] + \log [B]$

As we know, $-\log [OH^-] = pOH$ and $-\log K_b = pK_b$

pK_b , Above equation can be written as, pK_b

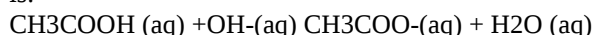
$pK_b = pOH - \log [HB^+] + \log [B]$

Rearranging the equation, $\Rightarrow pOH = pK_b + \log \frac{[B]}{[HB^+]}$

pH is a measure of hydrogen ion concentration, a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution. The pH scale usually ranges from 0 to 14. Aqueous solutions at 25°C with pH less than 7 are acidic, while those with pH greater than 7 are basic or alkaline. A pH level of 7.0 at 25°C is defined as "neutral" because the concentration of H_3O^+ equals the concentration of OH^- in pure water. Very strong acids might have a negative pH, while very strong bases might have a pH greater than 14.5

Buffer Solution A buffer is an aqueous solution that consists of a mixture of a weak acid and its salt (acid buffer) or a weak base with its salt (basic buffer). Its pH changes very little when a small amount of strong acid or base is added to it and is thus used to prevent a solution's pH change. Solutions with the stable concentration of hydrogen ions and thus typically with no change in pH which is almost independent of dilution and which change very little with small additions of a strong acid or alkali are called buffers. It can also be described in simple terms as a solution that prevents any pH change when a small amount of a strong acid or a strong base is applied to it, is called a buffer solution or simply as a buffer. Both buffers have acidity and alkalinity balance. Any compounds, such as ammonium acetate, tend to resist any change in their concentration of hydronium ions or pH, whenever a small amount of a strong acid or a strong base is applied to it⁶. Buffer solutions usually consist of a mixture of a weak acid and salt with a strong base like CH_3COOH and CH_3COONa , or a weak base with a strong acid like NH_4OH and NH_4Cl and salt.

Mechanism of Buffering Action Consider the example of a buffer solution made by dissolving sodium acetate into acetic acid, to consider how a buffer functions. As you can see from the name, acetate acid is an acid: CH_3COOH , while sodium acetate dissociates in solution to yield the conjugate base, CH_3COO^- acetate ions. The reaction equation is:



If this solution is combined with a strong acid, the acetate ion can neutralize: $CH_3COO^-(aq) + H^+(aq) \rightleftharpoons CH_3COOH(aq)$ It changes the original buffer reaction equilibrium, thereby holding the pH steady⁷. Preparation of Buffer Solution There are a few methods to prepare a buffer solution with a different pH.

Prepare a solution with acid and its conjugate base in the first approach by dissolving the acid component of the buffer in around 60 percent of the amount of water used to produce the final volume of solution. Instead, use a pH detector to test the pH of the solution. Using a strong base like NaOH the pH can be changed to the desired value. If a base and its conjugate acid are used to make the buffer, the pH can be modified using a strong acid, like HCl. Dilute the solution to the final desired volume, once the pH is right. Additionally, you should prepare solutions for both the solution's acid type and base form. Both solutions must have the same quantity of buffer as in the final solution. Add one solution to the other while tracking the pH to get the final buffer. In a third method, using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation, you can determine the exact amount of acid and conjugate base required to make a buffer of a certain pH:

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

Safety of sanguinaria extract as used in commercial tooth and oral rinse product studied by VH Frankes and co-workers⁹. Comparison of an herbal toothpaste with a fluoride tooth paste on plaque and gingivitis observed by J moron and co-workers¹⁰. L shapira and co-workers¹¹ had studied effect of amine fluoride stannous fluoride containing toothpaste on plaque and gingivitis in adult caries and fluorosis prevalence study in a non-fluoridated Brazilian community observed by Antonis Carlos¹².

H. pontefract, and co-workers¹³ had studied desensitizing toothpaste versus placebo for dentin hypersensitivity. Caries preventive effect of fluoride toothpaste observed by svantetwetman and co-workers¹⁴. C Moore and co-workers has discovered the dentine in vitro by toothpaste.

Osteofluorosis causes by excess use of toothpaste investigated by J Roos and co-workers¹⁵. Studies in vitro of abrasion of different manual toothpaste observed by "D Dyer" and co-workers¹⁶. Fluoride ingestion from toothpaste background to European Union founded multicentre project observed by Dennismullan and co-workers¹⁷.

Development of a method in situ to study toothpaste abrasion of dentine investigated by Addy and et al¹⁸. Prevention of early childhood caries (ECC) discovered by svantetwetman¹⁹. RMDavies and co-workers²⁰ had studied the effectiveness of tooth paste containing tridolon and poly(methyl methacrylate) maleic acid copolymer in improving plaque control and gingival health. Anas HAIMulla and et al²¹ had studied The modified fluoride toothpaste technique reduces caries in orthodontic patient.

An unusual presentation of oropharyngeal cytosis related to toothpaste observed by DeTang and co-workers²². Evidence based toothpaste classification according to certain characteristics of their chemical composition studied by Lizemaldupa and et al²³.

2. Material and Methodology

We have taken different types of tooth paste which are used in India. Some of which are whitening toothpaste, Fluoride toothpaste, and herbal tooth paste.

Ingredient list of herbal tooth paste

Ingredient	Biological name	Use
Neem	Azadirachta indica	Antibacterial
Babool leaves	Acacia Arabica	Astringent
Amrud leaves	Psidium guajava	Anti Inflammantor
Kalmibark	Cinnamomum Zeylanicum	Flovaring agent
CompHor	Cinnamomum compHora	Antiseptic
Honey	Apis Mellifera	Sweetening agent

Whitening tooth paste ingredient list

Name	Use
Hydrogen peroxide	Bleaching agent
Sodium lauryl sulphate	Foaming action
Hydrated silica	Polishing agent
Sodium fluoride	Prevents diseases through specific function
Glycerin	Provides moderate moisture
Silica acid	Cleans the teeth without damaging.

pH meter The pH meter which we have used is digital pH meter. Whose model is Systonics-901. pH and emf value both are obtained from this pH meter.

We calibrated the pH meter with the buffer solution, Then we prepared the samples. For preparing samples we used 1 gm of each toothpaste in 40ml of water in different beakers. pH is determined with the help of pH meter for each toothpaste samples.

3. Result**pH**

We used different toothpaste which are used in India. Determined pH with the help of pH meter. Close up toothpaste have very low pH of 7.13pH. (Table no 1). Which is approximately neutral. Amway glister having 7.31 pH, Colgate max fresh having 7.41pH, whereas Patanjali dantkranti have 7.83. Some other herbal toothpaste like Vithoba have 7.21pH, Himalaya complex care have 7.37 pH value which shows the alkline property. where else Colgate Charcoal have 8.86pH and Vicco have 9.10 pH value. Sensitive tooth paste like Emo form-R have 8.69pH and Thermokind have 8.50pH. Dabur babool toothpaste have highest pH value around 9.15 which is highly alkaline in nature.

4. Observation**Table 1**

S. No.	Name of toothpaste	pH
1.	Closeup	7.13
2.	Oriflame	8.05
3.	Colgate max fresh	7.41
4.	Patanjali dantkranti	7.83
5.	Colgate white	8.64
6.	Dabur dantrakshak	9.08
7.	Pepsodent	8.94
8.	Colgate charcoal	8.86
9.	Vicco vajradanti	9.27
10.	Amway glister	7.31
11.	Himalaya complete care	7.37
12.	Sensodyne	7.66
13.	Vithoba	7.21

14.	Dabur Babool	9.15
15.	Emoform-R	8.69
16.	Thermokind-F	7.50

5. Discussion

pH In (Table no.1) close up have least pH of 7.13. Which is almost neutral and highest of dabur babool which is pH 9.15 (Table no 1) shows highly alkaline property. The tooth paste should have pH of between 7 to 10 which is good for our teeth as well as gums too. Dabur babool is a herbal toothpaste still have pH 9.15 which is highly alkaline which is good for our teeth. Rest of all tooth pastes have range 7.13 to 9.15 shows alkaline property.

More amount of chemical in our tooth paste cause side effect to our teeth and body

- 1) **Fluoride** – All the toothpaste contain fluoride, excessive use of this and using it for a long time can harm our brain, heart, digestive system, and the enamel of our teeth. On the other hand there are certain toothpaste that do not contain fluoride example–EMOFORM–R
- 2) **Polishing agent**–polishing agent is added to every toothpaste, it work for the brightening of our teeth. Dehydrated silica gel and hydrated Aluminium oxides are added to toothpastes as polishing agent.
- 3) **Detergent** –It is important to have detergent in toothpaste because they help forming to occur when you brush your teeth. one of the most common detergents placed in tooth paste is Sodium lauryl Sulphate
- 4) **Xanthum Gum**– Xanthum gum used in toothpaste, it can cause some side effects such as intestinal gas and bloating.
- 5) **Triclosan (C₁₂H₇Cl₃O₂)**–Triclosan is an antibacterial and anti fungal agent, it is used in toothpaste. There are also concerns about Triclosan and its link with dioxin, Which is highly carcinogenic and can cause health problem as severe as weakening of the immune system, decreased fertility, miscarriage, birth defect and cancer. Recent work shows that triclosan promotes liver cancer cell development in mice through pathway shared with humans.
- 6) **Sodium Pyrophosphate (Na₄P₂O₇)** –Sodium pyrophosphate used in Toothpaste. Some of the side effects of sodium Pyrophosphate are as follow. Example Irregular heartbeat, Vomiting, fainting, seizures, Itching.

6. Conclusion

On testing all toothpastes we found that Close up has lowest pH and Dabur babul has highest pH. The pH of remaining tooth paste are intermediate as compared to both.

This pH of the toothpaste directly affect our enamel because if this highly acidic, it will make the outermost layer of our teeth enamel, thinner. So our teeth can be sensitive. The pH of dabur babool toothpaste should be more than 7 as it is good for both our teeth and saliva and helps to kill the bacteria inside our mouth. basic property of toothpaste is good for our teeth and saliva. More amount of chemicals in

our toothpaste is good for our teeth and saliva. More amount of chemicals in our toothpaste causes side effects to our teeth and body.

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