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## A Review on Natural Products as A Lead Chemical in Medication Development

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### Abstract

*The variety of natural goods originating from fungus, microorganisms, marine species, and terrestrial plants that are utilized to cure various diseases is surveyed in this article. A wide variety of chemicals produced in discovered from various sources to possess several uses within the common biological disciplines, pharmacology, medicine. Vast variety of natural products are importance in medicine have led tore searchers believe that examining natural resources will produce fresh “lead” Mixtures. As is often known, structural analogs with higher pharmacological, Chemical alteration of they may result in increased activity and decreased adverse effects functions of these lead compounds. Substances produced from different natural sources served as foundation to the creation of therapeutically significant drugs against a range of illnesses containing topotecan, vinblastine, vincristine, and taxol, which are significant anticancer medications with broad clinical applications.*

*This paper will examine some powerful related to lead compounds or medications with anti-malarial, anti-bacterial, anti-HIV, and anticancer properties natural products that were mostly identified between 2016 and 2022. Included are bioactive marine compounds with characteristic structures.*

**Keywords** - antibacterial; anticancer; antimalarial; antiviral; marine bioactives; lead discovery; natural products.

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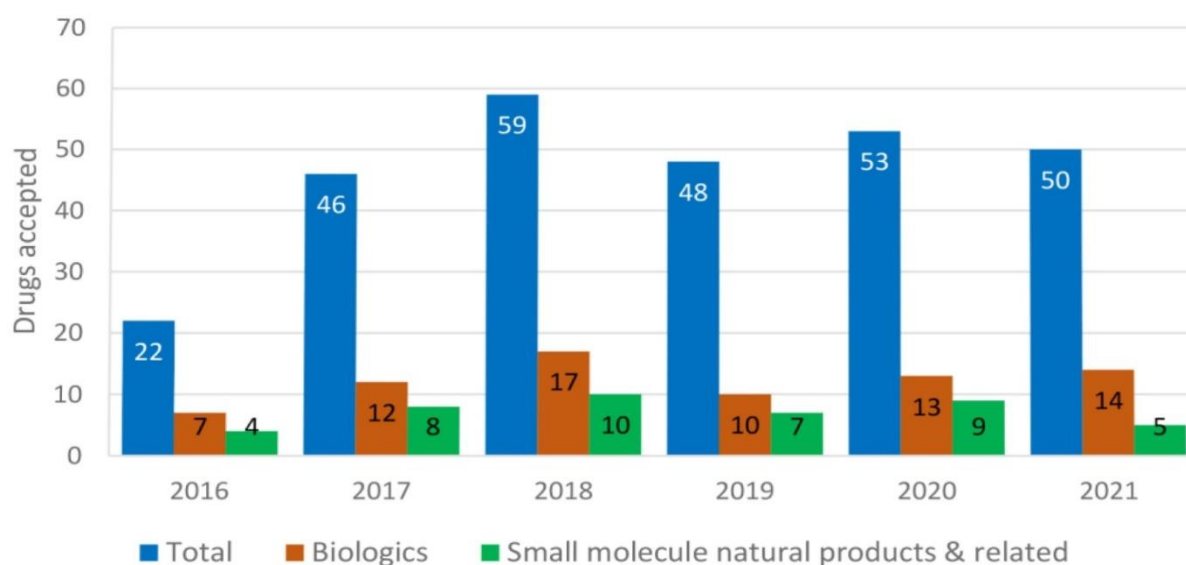
### INTRODUCTION

Evolution shapes natural products (NPs), which can be derived from marine organisms, plants, animals, or microorganisms. Over the history of development, biosynthesis “engine” the natural world created wide range natural compounds in remarkable industrial variety and frequently unique biological characteristics. Often; these nanoparticles are stereo chemically complicated compounds that are marked with several functional groups, engaging in dialogue with great biological target specificity. These qualities render them valued. As health goods or structural templates in order to Natural goods and conventional medical treatments are quite significant. Drugs and structural variety can be found in natural goods and their derivatives, as has long been known it’s a wide range in chemical buildings with multiple dimensions of natural goods; still the utility using natural substances to regulate biological processes has also attracted a much focus.<sup>[1]</sup> Finding medicines, disputing science endeavour for finding viable as well as trustworthy leading potential employees that are just results of examining process for from a new isolation that needs knowledge and experience to a natural product. Still, apart from their variety in chemical structures and their richness in biodiversity, the developing mint of new technologies has transformed the

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natural product screening process. The earth's natural resources were essential to the existence of man, enabling his existence. The exceptional natural phenomenon is always a gold standard for discovering herbal drugs. There have been therapeutic plants on Earth for many years. Consequently, medicinal herbs are extremely important and global in nature. The globe is adorned with therapeutic. Herbs, a veritable gold mine of endurance. Each plant can be recognized by its unique distinct medicinal qualities as a result of the bioactive, active chemical. Within the contemporary framework Natural medication ingredients are said to be essential and provide notable benefits in medicine.<sup>[2]</sup>

Because they are crucial to the identification and understanding of biological pathways, which is an essential step in the catch for new medications, Organic goods are still an outlet of creativity to the field of finding new drugs. In many cases, natural goods offer substances as Pharmaceuticals in clinical or commercial use, or as biochemical instruments that show the part that particular pathways play in illness the possibility of discovering medications. The natural compounds Produced from plants, animals, and microorganisms to cure illnesses in humans. Sixty-five percent of new medications in the infectious illness and cancer treatment fields come from natural sources. This updated view will focus on the present techniques used to discuss novel natural goods using current developments in the knowledge of the genetic mechanisms causing secondary synthesis of metabolites, played sources of natural goods and modern screening methods<sup>[3]</sup>



**Figure 1:** Drug discovery from natural resources

### Natural products' impact on medication discovery

For millennia, natural components are an important part of the medication development process. They are an abundant supply of bioactive chemicals and a variety of chemical structures that can be used as lead molecules in medication development.

### Historical Significance

Historically, new pharmaceuticals have been largely derived from natural materials. Numerous well-known medications, including aspirin, quinine, and penicillin, come from natural sources.<sup>[4]</sup>

### Variety in Chemical Forms

Natural products provide a variety of unique chemical structures that are challenging to produce in a laboratory. This structural diversity may have an impact on the development of novel drugs.<sup>[5]</sup>

**Target Specificity and Bioactivity**

Numerous natural goods have developed that work in tandem with biological targets, which contributes to their exceptional efficacy as medicinal medicines. Target specificity and bioactivity are essential for medication.<sup>[6]</sup>

**Novel Drug Lead Source**

Novel drug leads can be obtained from natural compounds, which also act as scaffolds for synthetic modification and optimization.<sup>[7]</sup>

**Antimicrobial and Anticancer Agents**

The discovery of antibacterial and anticancer drugs has been especially effective with natural materials. There are numerous anticancer and antibacterial derivatives.<sup>[8]</sup>

**Difficulties and Possibilities**

Even if natural goods have a lot of potential, there are still issues that need to be resolved, like a sustainable supply, complex structures, and obstacles with synthesis and modification.<sup>[9]</sup>

**Developments in Technology**

Technological developments in synthetic biology, genomics, and high-throughput screening have reignited interest in natural compounds as potential therapeutics.

**Objectives****Diverse Chemical Structures**

Natural products are a great source of novel molecules with physiologically active qualities because of their diverse spectrum of chemical configurations.

**Biological Activity**

With the help of particular proteins and enzymes, many natural products have developed into biological molecules with strong pharmacological effects.

**Tradition and Ethnopharmacology**

The historical usage of natural materials in traditional medicine provides information on safety profiles and possible therapeutic uses.

**Biocompatibility**

Natural substances are more viable as treatment candidates since they frequently exhibit lower toxicity and greater biocompatibility than synthetic substances.

**Inspiration for Synthesis**

For synthetic chemists, the complexity of natural compounds can be an inspiration for developing new methods.

**Frameworks that can be chemically modified**

A lot of natural products can be chemically changed to improve their pharmacokinetics, selectivity, or efficacy.

**Targeting special biological routes**

Natural products have the ability to interact with special biological pathways, which may help identify novel targets for therapeutic intervention.

**Overcoming Resistance**

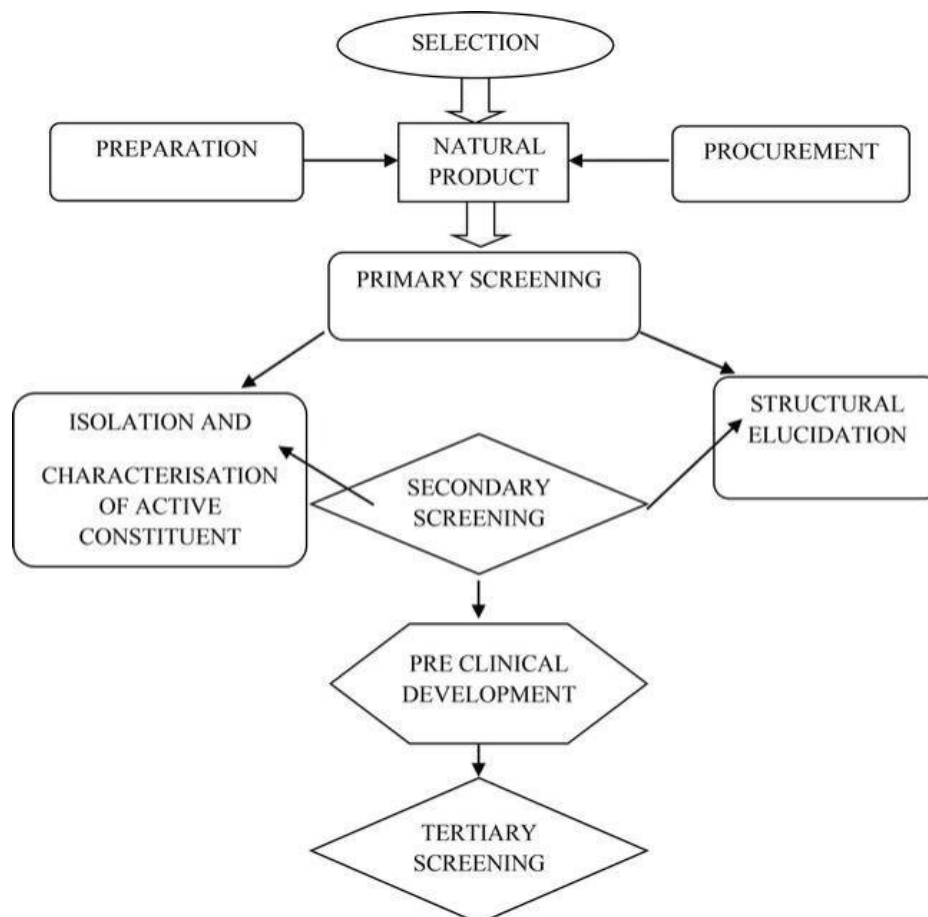
Natural sources of compounds have the potential to address treatment resistance in cancer cells and pathogens.

**Multifunctionality**

Several natural compounds have several biological functions, which qualifies them as potential treatments for illnesses with numerous comorbidities.

## Sustainability and Ethical procurement

Research into environmentally friendly drug discovery methods is being driven by the growing emphasis on sustainable and ethical obtaining of natural products.



**Figure 2:** Different approaches to drug discovery using natural resources

### Advantages

Benefits of using natural products as lead molecules in drug discovery are as follows:

#### Chemical diversity

Natural product libraries frequently lack innovative supports for drug development because their complicated and distinctive structures and wide range of chemical variety.

#### Biological significance

Because natural products have evolved to specifically interact with biological targets, they frequently demonstrate high biological activity, which increases the possibility of finding effective pharmacological drugs.

#### Benefits related to pharmacology

Among the many advantages of pharmacology are the creation of efficient drugs that manage, treat, and prevent illnesses, hence enhancing public health and quality of life.

#### Economic viability

The ability of a project, company, or investment to produce enough value or profit over time to support its ongoing operation and investment is referred as economic viability.

**Clinical effectiveness**

The degree to which a certain intervention, surgery, or treatment yields a positive result in real-world healthcare settings is known as clinical effectiveness.

**Intellectual property**

Natural product inventors are ensured ownership over the use and commercialization of their creations according to the legal protections provided by intellectual property, which includes inventions, innovations, and unique knowledge produced from natural sources like plants and microbes.

**Advantages for the environment**

By increasing biodiversity, lowering dependency on artificial chemicals, providing sustainable resources that aid in the preservation of ecosystems and the reduction of ecological footprints, natural products have a positive impact on the environment.

**Poly pharmacology & multitarget**

Natural products have the advantage of poly pharmacology and multitargeting because they can interact with numerous biological targets at once, increasing therapeutic efficacy and minimizing negative effects as compared to single-target medications.

**Lower chance of opposition**

Natural goods have historically been used and accepted in traditional medicine, which can result in less regulatory obstacles and higher public confidence than synthetic alternatives.

**Enhanced profile of safety**

Due to their extensive use in traditional medicine, which has improved our understanding of their effects and reduced toxicity and adverse reactions, natural products have a safer profile than many synthetic medications.

**Disadvantages****Complexity of Structures**

The chemical structures of natural products are frequently diverse and complicated, which makes it difficult to identify and synthesize their active ingredients.

**Variability in Composition**

Depending on the region, climate, and methods of harvesting, natural goods can have substantially different chemical compositions, which can result in inconsistent safety and efficacy.

**Limited Availability**

Many natural sources are not sustainable or have limited availability, making it difficult to create large amounts for comprehensive testing and commercialization.

**Regulatory Challenges**

If natural goods come from rare or endangered species, they may be subject to stricter regulatory scrutiny on their safety and efficacy.

**Slow Progress**

Because natural products are complicated, the initial identification of active molecules and subsequent optimization may go more slowly than using synthetic chemical techniques.

**Limited Chemical Space**

Although the chemical space covered by natural goods is diversified, it could still be small in comparison to the enormous range of possibilities provided by synthetic molecules.

**Scalability**

It might be difficult to produce natural products commercially, especially if the source organisms are hard to grow or gather in big enough quantities.

### **Regulatory Obstacles**

Development schedules may be delayed as a result of increased regulatory scrutiny of the uniformity, production methods, and source of natural goods. Despite these challenges, natural products remain essential in the drug discovery process due to their unique structures and biological roles.

### **Applications**

#### **Antibiotics**

A large number of antibiotics are made from natural substances. Penicillin, for instance, was developed from the *Penicillium* mold and completely changed how bacterial infections were treated.

#### **Anticancer Agents**

A number of natural compounds have sparked the creation of significant anticancer medications. For instance, the Pacific yew tree is the source of paclitaxel (Taxol), which is used to treat a variety of malignancies.

#### **Immunosuppressants**

The fungus *Tolypocladium inflatum* is the source of natural compounds like cyclosporine, which are essential in preventing organ transplant rejection.

#### **Cardiovascular Drugs**

Heart problems are treated using digoxin, which is extracted from the foxglove plant. It serves as an example of how natural materials might offer special therapeutic advantages for heart-related conditions.

#### **Antimalarials**

In the past, quinine was used to cure malaria. Its leaves of the source are the cinchona plant. More recently, artemisinin—an extract from the sweet wormwood plant—has become the main treatment for malaria.

#### **Anti-Inflammatory Agents**

Research has been done on the potential medical applications and anti-inflammatory properties of natural substances such as curcumin from turmeric and resveratrol from grapes.

#### **Analgesics**

Made from the opium poppy, morphine is a potent analgesic that has been used for centuries and served as an inspiration for the creation of numerous synthetic opioids.

#### **Antiviral Agents**

Natural goods with possible antiviral qualities, such as elderberry extracts, are being investigated for possible medical uses.

#### **Neuroprotective Agents**

Drugs like galantamine, which is taken from the bulbs of some plants, such the snowdrop, are used to treat Alzheimer's disease by enhancing cholinergic activity.

#### **Antidiabetic Agents**

Berberine, found in many plants, is one of the natural substances that can help regulate blood sugar levels and treat type 2 diabetes.

### **Advanced Steps for A Successful Natural Drug Discovery Completion**

Several crucial steps are necessary for the successful completion of natural medication design:

#### **Target Identification**

Establish which biological target such as an enzyme or protein is involved in the pathogens.



**Lead Compound Discovery**

To find potential natural compounds, utilize either traditional methods (like plant extracts) or new ones (like high-throughput screening).

**Bioactivity Assessment**

Utilize both investigations both in animal and in mice to evaluate that identified compounds' pharmaceutical effects.

**Studies on the (SAR)**

Analyse that effects changes to a compound's chemical structure on its biological activity.

**Optimization**

Change the pharmacokinetic, selectivity, and efficacy of the lead compounds.

**Toxicity and Safety Evaluation**

Perform thorough toxicity studies to evaluate the drug candidates' safety profile.

**Development of Formulations**

Provide appropriate delivery formulations while taking stability and bioavailability.

**Preclinical and Clinical Trials**

Conduct thorough preclinical research before starting staged clinical trials to determine a treatment's efficacy and safety in humans.

**Regulatory Approval**

Prepare and submit papers in accordance with regulations to regulatory bodies for approval.

**Post-Market Surveillance**

After the drug is introduced to the public, keep an eye on its effectiveness and safety.

**Natural Products as Lead Compound In Different Diseases**

Natural goods as agents that fight cancer.

Natural goods as antimicrobials.

Antibacterial properties of natural compounds.

Natural goods as agents that fight fungus.

Natural goods as agents that fight viruses.

Natural items as agents that prevent malaria.

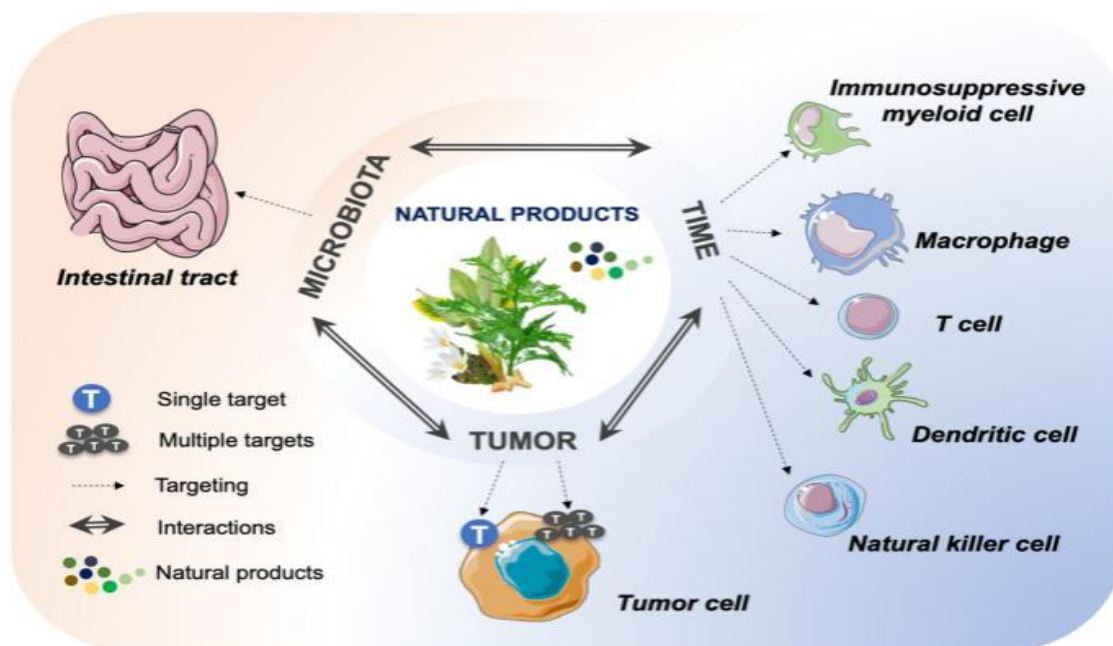
**Natural Products as Anticancer Agents**

Several significant novel substances in the realm of anticancer medication therapy have clinical application have been attained naturally occurring sources, either directly or indirectly either by altering the natural substances or by creating new substances that use natural chemicals as examples. Using plant-based products to treat cancer began to identification contains vinblastine and vincristine, 2 chemicals. Because during this capacity to stop the dividing of bipolar cells, both of these substances were employed in cancer treatment<sup>[10]</sup>

Because of their irreversible attachment to tubulin, they block the growth of new cells and eventually killing off cells, and show ability to fight lymphocytic leukemia. A number of semisynthetic equivalents to these two substances have greater medicinal indexes have been created. Combining vinorelbine (VRLB) with vindesine with other chemotherapeutic medicines demonstrated efficacy fighting lymphoid tumour, blood cancers, lung and breast cancer, advanced testicular and Kaposi's tumour. Also, several additional partially synthesized substances have been developed clinically. One anticancer drug that has been approved to treat bladder cancer is special vinca chemical that is bifluorinated that is produced the VRLB<sup>[11]</sup>.

Anti-cancer agents derived from plants have proven to be an invaluable resource. Examples of such products are: Taxol which is utilized for managing malignancy of the feminine organ ovary, pulmonary Vinca alkaloids (Vincristine, Vinblastine) from Madagascar periwinkle (which treat

leukemia, lymphoma, and childhood cancers); Podophyllotoxin from American mayapple (leukemia and lymphoma); Curcumas to curcumin (which has anti-allergic as well as tumour-fighting qualities); fruit resveratrol, berries, peanuts (anti-tumour, anti-inflammatory properties); Epigallocatechin gallate from green tea (inhibits cancer cell growth); Gingerols from ginger and Isoflavones to soybeans (anti-proliferative and pro-apoptotic effects). These substances derived from plants work by preventing, cell proliferation that results in death obstructing angiogenesis, and modifying immunological responses. As a result, they have possible application to avoiding the treatment of tumour.



**Figure 3:** The history, present, and future of using natural ingredients in cancer treatment

### Vincristine

One popular chemotherapy drug used to treat a variety of tumours, especially in paediatric oncology, is vincristine. This periwinkle plant (*Catharanthus roseus*) is the source of this vinca alkaloid, which functions by preventing the development of microtubules, which are necessary for cell division.

### Uses

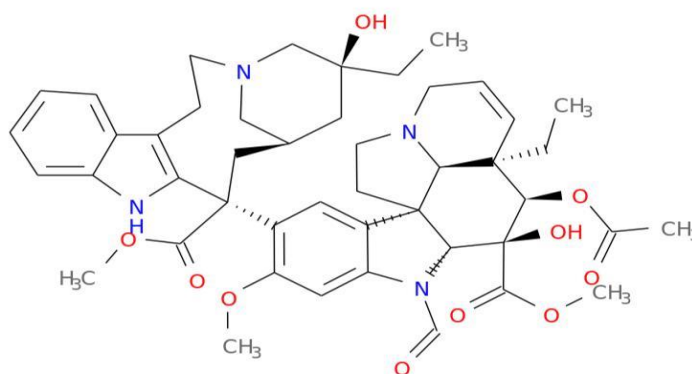
Hodgkin lymphoma

Differential Type of Lymphoma ALL, or acute lymphoblastic leukemia Neuroblastoma, Wilms tumours certain varieties of breast and lung cancer.

### Mechanism of Action

Vincristine stop polymerization releases filament via attaching itself on small molecul. Particularly in cancer cells that divide quickly, this disruption stops mitosis during metaphase and results in cell death. Administration: Intravenous administration is standard. Body area (BSA) is frequently used to determine dosage, which is then modified for toxicity. Side Effects: Typical side effects consist of: Neural tingling or numbness in the periphery bloating hair loss vomiting and nauseous.





**Figure 4:** Structure of vincristine

### Vinblastine

An alkaloid obtained from plants; vinblastine (VBL) is mainly taken from the leaves of the Madagascar periwinkle (*Catharanthus roseus*). It is a strong anticancer agent that is applied to several kinds of cancer.

### Uses

The lymphoma Hodgkin

Lymphoma non-Hodgkin

Leukemia (chronic and acute lymphocytic)

Cancer of the breast

Cancer of the testicles

Cancer of the ovaries

Cancer of the lung

Rhabdomyosarcoma and neuroblastoma are childhood malignancies.

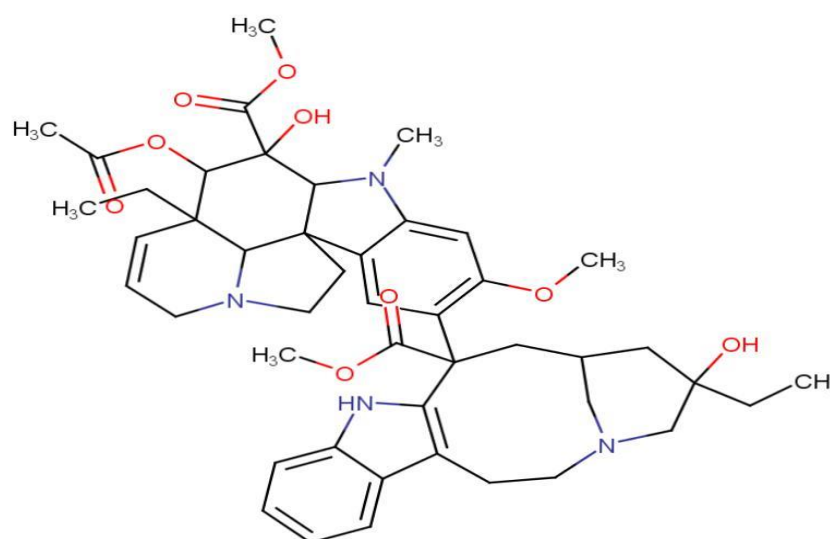
### Mechanism of action

Preventing the production of microtubules.

Interrupting the creation of mitotic spindles.<sup>7</sup>

Preventing the division of cells (metaphase arrest).

Causing planned cell death.



**Figure5:** Structure of vinblastine

## Anti-Infective Agents Created from Nature

### As Antibacterial Agents, Natural Products

Currently, infectious diseases number third in highly developed nations and rank second globally in terms of cause of mortality <sup>[12]</sup>. The  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic class was the first to be used therapeutically to treat bacterial infections because they block the last stage of bacterial cell wall formation <sup>[13]</sup>. Found in 1928 by Fleming in cultures of *Penicillium notatum*, penicillin was the first antibiotic of this class. Since then, among other categories of synthetic and therapeutic chemicals, this group of compounds has played a crucial role <sup>[14]</sup>. Later on, a multitude of antibacterial chemicals were extracted from microorganisms, such as vancomycin, erythromycin, tobramycin, tetracycline, and chloramphenicol. These drugs function against bacteria by a variety of ways. Many of these have semi-synthetic derivatives approved for use as medications. <sup>[15]</sup>

Another antibacterial drug in clinical development is ceftaroline acetate 89. In addition to being useful against penicillin-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in community-acquired pneumonia (CAP), it is being investigated during the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of clinical studies that cure complex skin and skin structure infections <sup>[16]</sup>. Studies involving the oral carbapenem antibiotic tebipenem pivoxil 90. Novel treatments have traditionally been created from plant-derived antibacterials. It is well known that an extensive, a range of medicines with tiny molecules are produced by plants. However, most of these tiny compounds have very little antimicrobial action, which is many times a small over conventional medicines that microbes make or fungus. <sup>[17]</sup> Many different herbs that are used to treat infectious diseases, such as clove, pomegranate, neem, ginger, garlic, acacia, and so forth. The majority of these herbs' extracts have been tested in an effort to find safer and more potent antibacterial agents <sup>[18]</sup>.

### Types of natural anti-bacterial agents:

Plant- derived compounds

Essential oils

Flavonoids

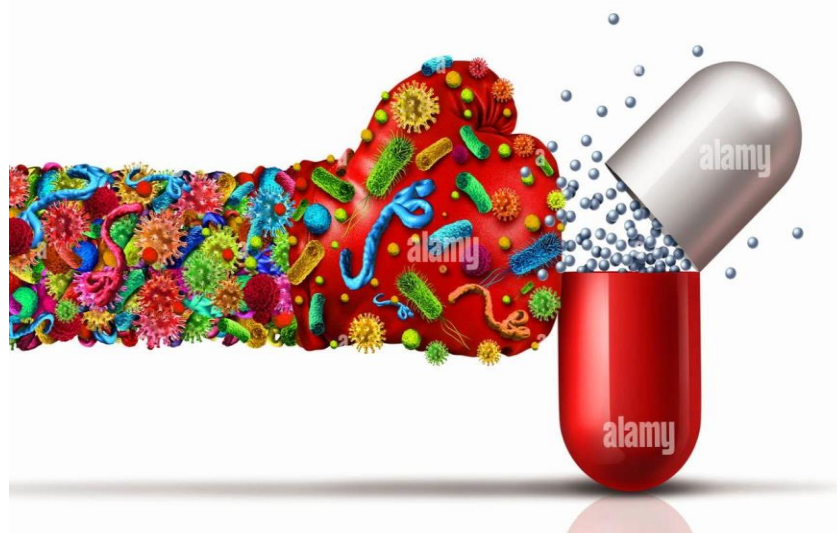
Alkaloids

Microbial- derived compounds

Antibiotics

Bacteriocins

Animal- derived compounds



**Figure 6:** Antibiotic resistant germs as virus or bacteria cells as a deadly

**Penicillin:**

Penicillium fungus is the source of the Penicillin class of antibiotics. It was first used extensively to treat bacterial infections in the 1940s after being discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928. Penicillin acts by preventing bacteria from synthesizing their cell walls, which causes cell lysis.

**Uses:**

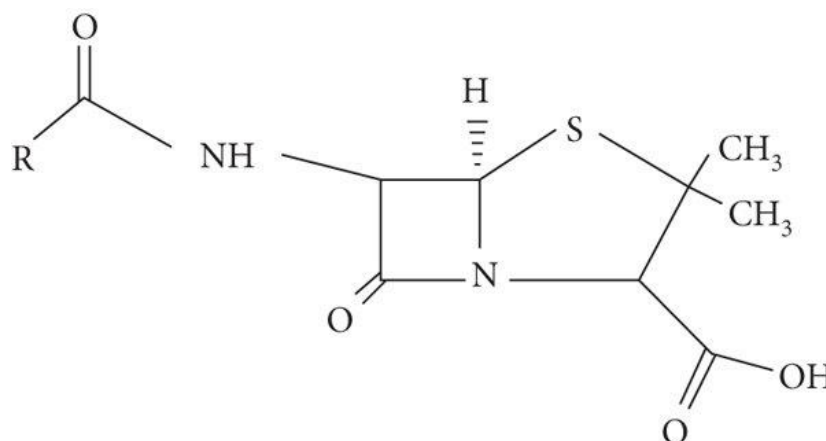
Bacterial illnesses, such as meningitis, pneumonia, and septicemia

Infections of sensitive tissues and skin

Infections of the respiratory tract

Infections of the urinary system

Dental caries



*Figure 7: Structure of penicillin*

**Natural products as anti-fungal agents**

The fungal world consists of more than 100,000 species and 10,000 genera. As demonstrated by the fermentation of food and wine made with antibiotics derived from *Penicillium* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, the majority of these organisms are beneficial to humans. Medications made from fungi to treat infections, etc. [19]. However, certain fungi have the potential to be potential killer of people, responsible for many diseases such as *Trichophyton*, it can result in human superficial dermatophytosis [20] *Candida* species., Deep systemic infections caused by *Cryptococcus* species and Saprotrophic species Infections (such as the aspergillosis, cryptococcosis, and candidiasis diseases). Because *Colletotrichum* in plants has the potential to cause anthracnose [21].

Since fungi have membranes, cell walls, and nuclei, medications can target these components to either lessen or stop the fungus's activity [22]. These targets include the synthesis of DNA and proteins, including topology, signal transduction routes, myristylation, growth elements, or enzymes, including, cell wall polysaccharides; amino acid kinases and enzyme including glycol. [23] When it comes to developing antifungal methods, NPs are important. Antibiotics called polymers are found in nature. Polyketides purified from several *Strepto*-Types of mushrooms with a wide range of has antifungal properties. Their system of Complexation with ergos is required for the activity. Increased fungal cell death and brane permeability due to the instability of the fungal cell and terol membrane. Amphetamine frequently utilized for curing illnesses caused by fungi, it may be extremely poisonous, resulting in minor side effects such fever, chills, and headaches; aching, vomiting, feeling unwell, and other symptoms severe kidney damage brought on by dosage restriction [24].

Antifungal chemicals can also be found in plants. Dimethyl pyrrole, dihydroxycorninate indole derivatives, and glycine are a few of the compounds isolated to trees and have been identified to

possess bactericidal properties [25]. Nevertheless, the creation list effective antibiotics derived of such substances have arisen proven effective.

### Amphotericin B

#### Uses

Leprosy

Meningitis

Endocarditis

Aspergillosis

Osteomyelitis

Visculitis

Cryptococcosis

Diabetic encephalopathy

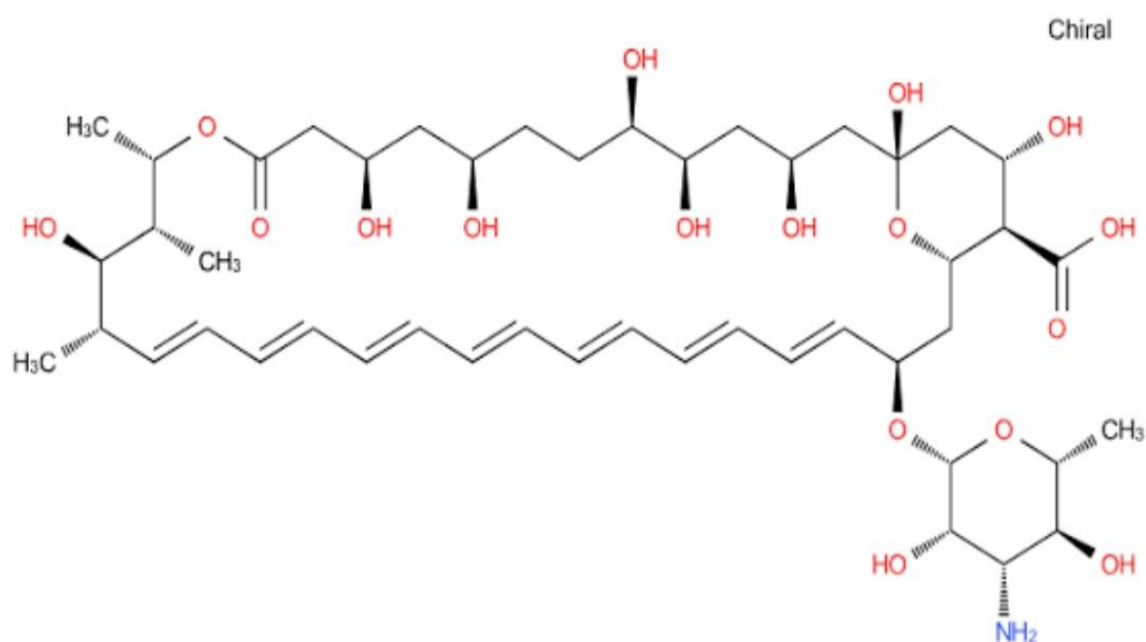
#### Infections with fungi

Leprosy

Infection with Aspergillus

Hepatitis B

Cryptococcosis



**Figure 8:** Structure of amphotericin B

### Natural products as anti-viral agents

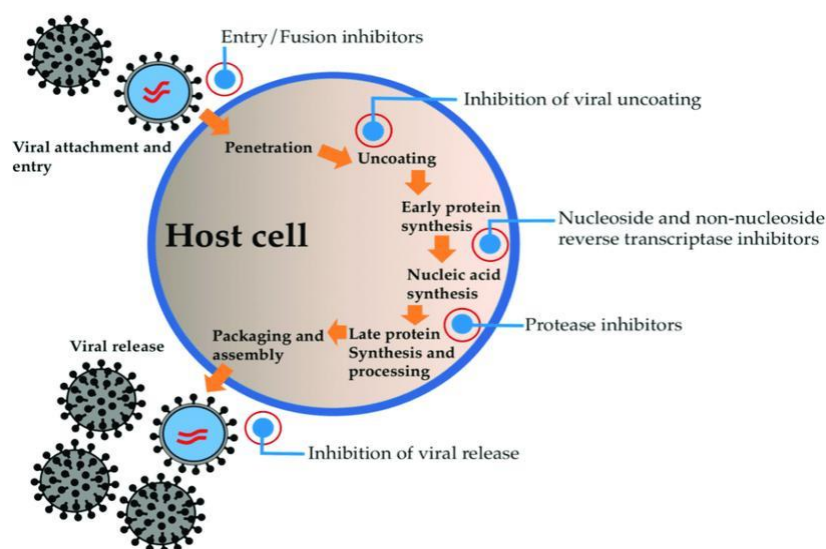
Every year, millions of people suffer with viral illnesses, which cause major concerns about public health around the world. Due to the increasing incidents, important side effects, and limited efficacy of frequently administered antivirals, is-the current therapy techniques need to be improved, specifically for resistant virus strains and enhanced by newly developed antiviral drugs [26]. Viral illnesses have been treated with plants illnesses that last a long period. With the exception of pure chemicals, Akram and colleagues concentrated medicinal 54 species' ability to cursor

eradication variety of viral illnesses like the hepatitis infection, coxsackievirus infections, hepatitis, and HIV [27].

In recent decades, a number of agents related to natural products with antiviral properties have been found in natural resources. Alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, and other widely dispersed there have been reports of notable antiviral activity in plant secondary metabolites. Investigations both in vivo and in vitro a lifetime, the hepatitis B virus (HBV) can have a serious negative impact on one's health.

The standard of living for affected individuals. Quinolizidine fused into three alkaloids Oxytropis ochrocephala the source of the octahydroquinoline rings, or ochrocephalamines B–D. Bunge, had strong anti-HBV properties and were said to be even stronger more so than HBsAg's secretion of HBeAg [28]. This infection which results in the most severe form of that disease, acute immunological deficient disease (AIDS). According to World Health Organization [29].

Currently sweeping the world, the new the corona virus-2019 widespread is due to the cause's lung disease. Global reports oct- 30, 2022, indicated six hundred or twenty-seven thousand dead confirmed illnesses [30]. At this point, available there are still very few choices for able therapy. Plants, natural medications, or analogues are significant alternative therapies for the avoidance, management, and cure of the pollution. Patients receiving oseltamivir treatment had a decreased death rate. Quinic acid and shikimic acid are two natural ingredients in a medicine used to treat influenza. Oseltamivir administration has been linked to a reduced length of hospitalization or an even before release repair of the medical institution as compared to the control group [31].

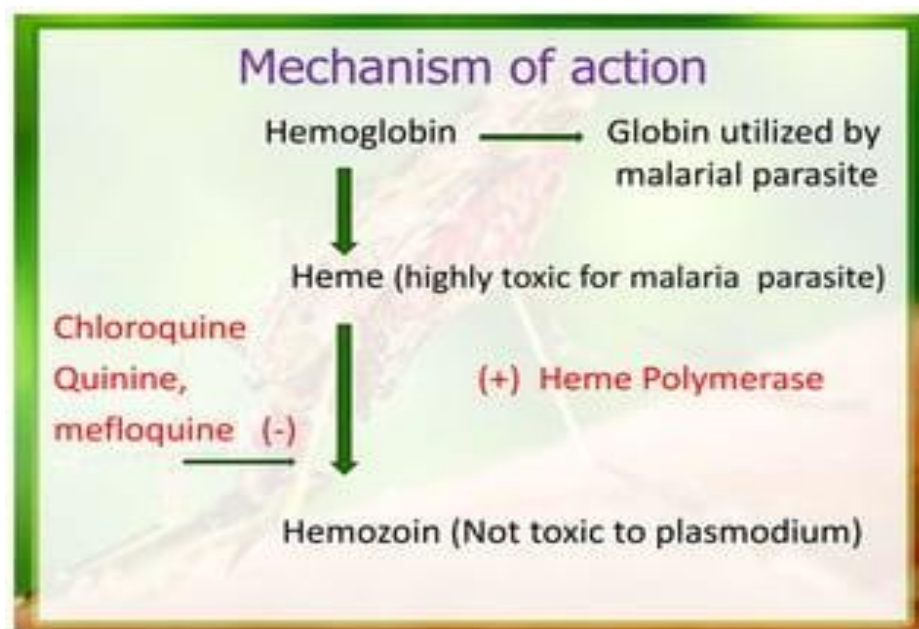


**Figure 9:** Major sites of antiviral drug action

### Natural products as anti-malarial agents

When it comes to antimalarial treatments, NPs have made a significant difference. Quinine [32] was the first antimalarial medication to be produced on a large scale for commercial use. This led to the creation of other antimalarial medications, including chloroquine [33] the proxy-bridge-containing structure is a more recent family of possible antimalarial drugs. Artemisinin [34] was this class's first-discovered chemical. As antimalarial drugs, a number of semi-synthetic derivatives of artemisinin are being developed for therapeutic use. Artether is [35] one such derivative that is authorized may apply for malaria preventive medication. Currently, only utilized for an additional link treatment for serious cases with plasmodium nevertheless, its usage against vivax malaria is growing.

The Centers to the prevention of illness reports that malaria has become resistant medications against malaria. Resistance to mefloquine, halofantrine, quinine, sulfadoxine/pyrimethamine, the use of both substance and non-artemisinin elements when combined treatment is being noted by *P. falciparum* in particular<sup>[36]</sup>. Alternative antimalarial medications must be found in order to stop malaria from inflicting further pain and fatalities, as organic compounds as well as related compounds provide various options.



**Figure 10:** Mechanism of action of anti-malarial drugs

### Marine Bioactive Natural Products

Marine sources are the source of many natural medicinal medicines. As long as there is ongoing research in this area, this resource will remain vital for producing medications for upcoming generations. Many of the remarkable range of diseases that natural marine products deal with will be covered in this article. Several buildings linked to the corona virus disease 19 action were investigated by Pawar, Dimri, Maithani, and Josh<sup>[37]</sup> in response to the unforeseen need for anti-COVID-19 drugs.

They used molecular docking, homology modeling, and virtual screening to compare the antiviral potency. Natural marine products, discussing a few novel medication people who had been converted on another uses. Thus, added that drugs are successfully inhibiting cathepsin L, which coronaviruses employ to release RNA material into cells<sup>[38]</sup>. Plitidepsin is another possible candidate demonstrating anti-COVID-19 effectiveness<sup>[39]</sup>. The research, which recently appeared explains at research a way aplidin beat this drug and most popular medication in treating severe acute respiratory syndrome. Attacking eukaryotic elongation factor 1A an individual mammalian that belongs to link the reappearance of cancer, plitidepsin was first recommended to cancer or is sold in this brand Plitidepsin. It also greatly reduces lung inflammation and viral load after SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Marine bioactive natural products are substances that have the potential to be medicinal and that are derived from marine species. Among these goods are the following:

#### Algal compounds

These include antioxidants with anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer qualities, polyunsaturated fatty acids, and carotenoids.



**Marine invertebrates**

Materials with potential use in drug development, such as cytotoxic agents and anti-microbial peptides that are derived from sponges, seaweeds, and mollusks.

**Marine fungi**

Possess the ability to generate distinct secondary metabolites that may find use in medications, such as those with antiviral and anti-cancer properties.

**Marine Bacteria**

Known for their ability to produce bioactive chemicals, including antibiotics, these bacteria is a valuable source of novel pharmaceuticals.

**Marine Life**

A few marine species, such as certain fish and sea cucumbers, generate bioactive peptides that may be advantageous to human health in the form of immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory compounds.



*Figure 11: Using marine natural ingredients to find new drugs*

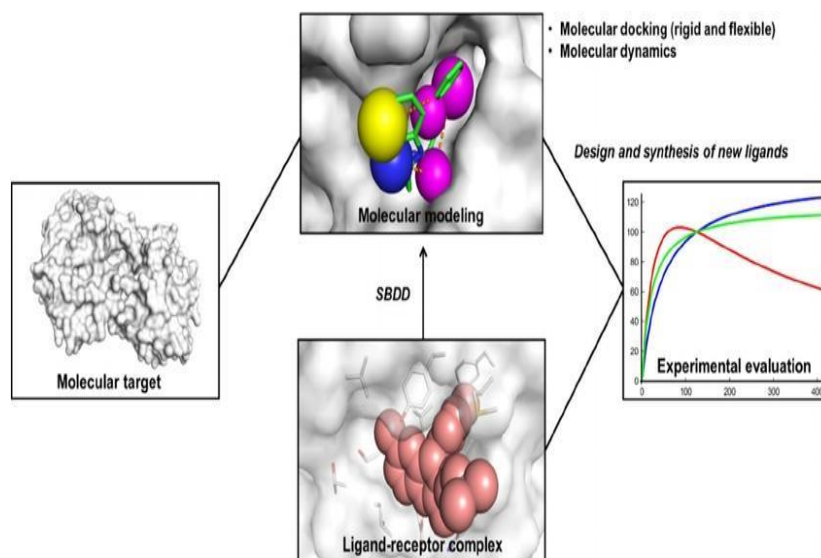
**Technological Tools of Medical Success with Organic Products**

Synthetic medications primary mode of action is typically dependent on how they interact with a particular target involved in the pathophysiology of an illness.<sup>[40]</sup> Drug discovery campaigns that rely using sophisticated cellfree tests designed to involved goal and route frequently employ high-throughput screening (HTS) techniques.<sup>[41]</sup>

**Types****Drug Discovery Based on Structure (SBDD)****Drug Discovery Based on Ligands (LBDD)****Structure – Based Drug Discovery**

Utilization using structure to resolve the Peptide that can be seen in gamma have advanced dramatically since Perutz and Kendrew's seminal work<sup>[42]</sup>, On this, their got a 1962 Prize for Medicine in Science. There are already around 169,000 publicly accessible protein 3D structures as of 2022<sup>[43]</sup>.

Organic goods are designed for possible focuses on enzymes in the process of studies were covered during an earlier section.<sup>[44]</sup> This work has demonstrated how the molecular processes of natural chemicals can be better understood through the use of molecular docking. This exact method used for research a few drugs of globulin by K.-H. Lee's lab<sup>[45]</sup>.



**Figure 12:** Molecular modeling studies use the molecular target's three-dimensional structure

### Medicine Development Using Molecules

When a three-dimensional detail in terms of receptor is unavailable, ligand-based drug design is employed. A mathematical connection between the measured bioactivity and the structural descriptors of pharmacological substances must be established via the quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) approach. Hansch's seminal work in the 1960s established the field of QSAR [46].

Natural product research has made use of QSAR modeling. According to a recent paper, researchers used an alloy containing organic materials libraries [47]. Through approval of tests involving growing strains of plasmodium that are tolerant of the medicine or resistant to numerous medicines, dual STLsmolecules' activities found through simulated examination has been verified. This suggests that a virtual screening approach based on QSAR can be effectively used in drug discovery.

### Chromatography Techniques

The chromatography process is used to separate molecules based on their charge, size, and shape. Every extract contains hundreds of unknown ingredients, many of which are present in minuscule levels. In chromatography, the analyte is a solvent that travels through the solid phase and acts as a sifting material. When molecules go through the molecular sieve, they split apart. Even among the same botanical elements, differences can arise. Therefore, obtaining reliable chromatographic fingerprints that represent the herbal medications organically or medicinally potent distinct substances is essential. [48]

### Types of chromatography techniques

Thin layer chromatography (TLC)

High performance thin layer chromatography (HPTLC)

Column chromatography

High performance liquid chromatography [HPLC]

### TLC or small-area separation

For 1<sup>st</sup> time, Stahl applied TLC in real-world situation. TLC is a highly adaptable technology with exceptional separation speed. One benefit of TLC is its sensitivity. Adsorption chromatography, a technique for sample separation, is the foundation of TLC. The basis for separation is the interaction of a solvent solution includes a membrane-like coat which is affixed with the surface

molecules with low-MW molecules include usually distributed this method. TLC separates a variety of chemicals, such as steroids, vitamins, amino acids, alkaloids, and phenols, using a broad range of adsorbents.

It is being frequently used for the reasons listed below:

It performs effective, quick isolation or assessment for compounds from plants.

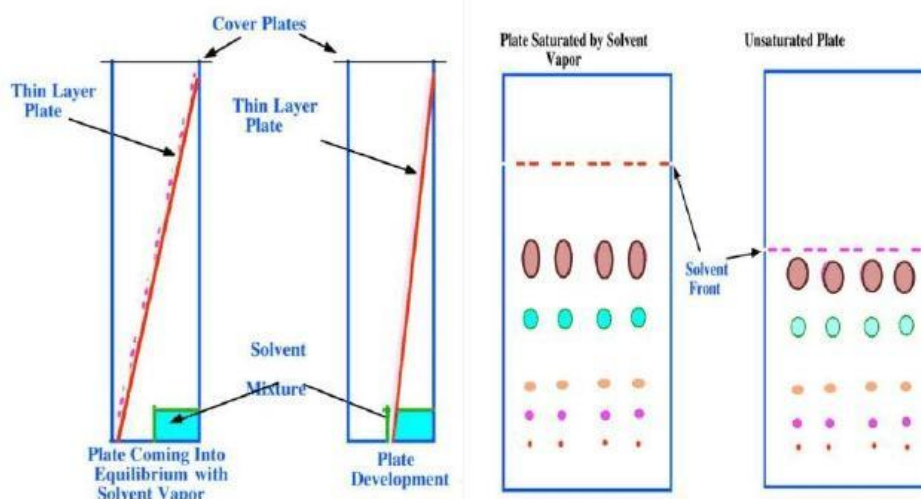
Displays the minimal amount of sample clean-up needed.

It is capable of computing semiquantitative and qualitative data about the isolated chemicals with RF values. This enables substances for measured.<sup>[49]</sup>

### HPTLC

A more effective separating method is HPTLC. That makes better use of the technique for quantitative analysis. This plate's powerful sheets have an adhesive coated on them that has particles as small as 6 billion and have parts of 160 millions. As layer and particle size decrease, the kind of separation and plate efficiency both improve. HPTLC can provide a chromatogram, which is a graphical depiction of its performance. Although separation is simple to visualize using pictorial representation, it is only possible in specific HPTLC scenarios.

High-performance TLC scanners and other specialized, highly sophisticated equipment can be used to record and store information for TLC fingerprinting analysis. This offers details regarding colours,  $\lambda$  max, colour of a division strings. Then detribalization, TLC plate images can be captured and stored for a later stage using a variety of visualization reagents. This is characteristic related to the test's TLC print as a result. In addition to supporting the maintenance of the purity and uniformity of the extracts or herbal remedies in the natural drug development process, the data generated in this way may be useful in the bioactive marker-based identification of a genuine medicine<sup>[50]</sup>.



**Figure 13:** High performance thin layer chromatography

### Chromatography in columns

The three primary concepts of column chromatography are adsorption processes, molecular sieves, and ion exchange. The most helpful method for separating active ingredients with higher concentrations is CC. Concentration on fractions can occasionally require an additional step. Elution of bioactive chemicals with high affinity for the adsorbent is included in a more recent technique called displacement chromatography. Elute material fractions may have higher concentrations than the initial solution added to the column. Silica was used to prepare the column for column chromatography. For column chromatography, the fraction was combined with two

grams of silica after being dissolved in the least amount of solvent. It is possible to load a column wet or dry. An essential component of high-quality separation is column packing.

### **HPLC**

HPLC necessary for the division between organic materials. This straightforward as well as common method for separation or recognition. Recent years, the high performance liquid chromatography approach has become more and more popular for study on quality control issues involving fingerprinting, separation, and identification.

For research scientists, this method is currently the method of choice with HPLC; multicomponent samples can be separated and examined more readily on an analytical and preparative scale. For the quick processing of plant extracts, HPLC's resolving capability is suitable. HPLC devices are modularly designed and include an auto-sampler, a manual injection valve, and a solvent delivery pump.

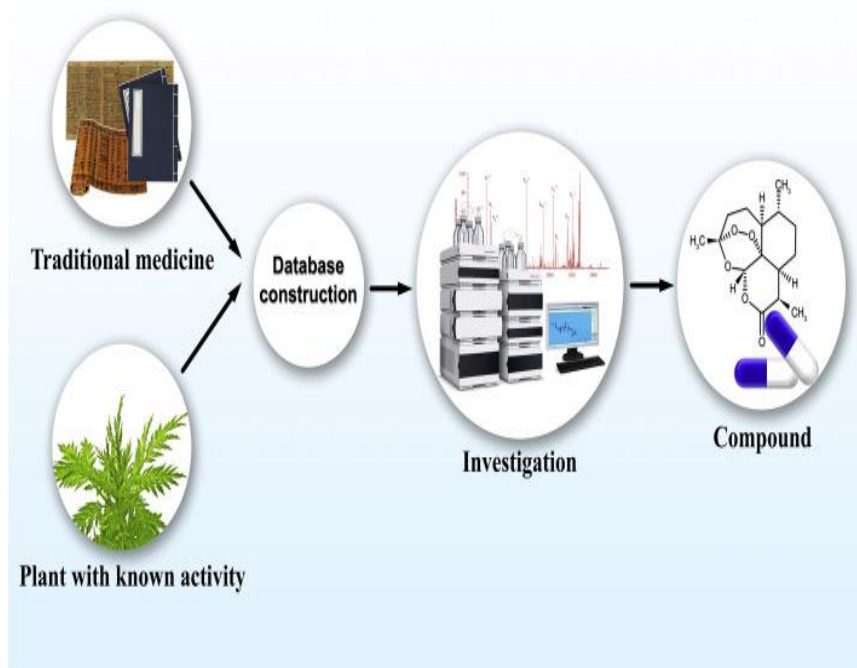
Another efficient technique for analysing intricate plant preparations is combining the use of liquid with and, the use of technique. It gives accurate protein or peptide molecular weight determination. This method can also be used to detect isotope patterns. Ionization techniques such as electrospray, thermospray, and ionspray have advanced recently and offer distinct benefits such as excellent detection sensitivity and specificity [51].

### **Modern Techno with The Development of Organic Medicine Learning Investigation**

The creator has given us nature, which can be utilized to find new herbal medicines for research. These products' naturally existing physiologically active metabolites provide a fresh origin to incentive to evaluation materials or eventually help them succeed. In the field of chemistry, where new technologies continue to be created, pharmaceutical chemistry plays a key part since it deals with the general public's health. High-throughput screening, proteomics, genomics, bioinformatics, combinatorial chemistry, and genomics are some of the more recent methods that have been popular in the field of pharmaceutical discovery research. Every study on medication discovery and technologies has a great deal of potential to utilize the variety of natural and chemical goods. During the universe natural compound research, recently developed methods are progressing quickly, producing positive results [52].

Principles between physical chemicals and machine learning medication development with many tools, drug toxicity and metabolism prediction, are a few examples [53]. Mainly from the innovation in lead structure discovery and drug target elucidation, new methods to enhance and simplify the combined drug discovery and development procedures are planned. Drug discovery is undergoing a revolution thanks to powerful new tools. Research can be conducted with the help of certain free of charge software. It is employed In the SMILES formula, drug characteristics, and SWISSADME calculations Qualities similar to drugs, among many others [54].

Drug discovery technologies have improved and progressed tremendously [55]. HTS, combinatorial chemistry, and genomics are heavily utilized in NPDD (natural product drug discovery) operations. Innovative methods enhanced and improved cooperative drug research and development processes. New methods are being created, primarily because to improvements in the identification of pharmacological targets. Ultimately, lead structure discovery is the result. Natural herbal drug development is being improved by powerful new technology.



*Figure 14: Development of new drug*

## Important Technologies with Regard to Study about Organic Medicines

### High Throughput (HTS) Screening

The fast screening of thousands to millions of compounds for biological activity is made possible by HTS. This technique finds possible medication candidates through data processing, control software, and automated robotics.<sup>[56]</sup>

Example: The identification of possible medications has been sped up by the use of HTS in screening natural product libraries for bioactive chemicals.

### The study of metabolism

The detailed examination of metabolites in a biological specimen is known as metabolomics. This method helps the identification of bioactive chemicals and the study of metabolic pathways.

Examples: metabolomics has proven useful in the identification of novel chemicals derived from microbes and medicinal plants.<sup>[57]</sup>

### Metagenomics and Genetics

Metagenomics is the study of directly obtainable genetic material, whereas genomics studies an organism's entire DNA.

Example: metagenomic and genomic techniques have revealed new biosynthetic routes for the manufacture of natural products in microbes.<sup>[58]</sup>

### Informatics and Computational Biology

Fourth Edition In order to interpret biological data, bioinformatics and computational biology employ software tools and algorithms. These methods can be used to anticipate the structure and function of natural compounds.

Example: the interaction between natural chemicals and biological targets has been predicted through the use of molecular docking studies and in silico modeling.<sup>[59]</sup>



**Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)**

Finding new genes involved in the creation of natural commodities is made easier by this technology, which enables the rapid sequencing of DNA and RNA.

Example: NGS has been used to sequence the genomes of microorganisms and medicinal plants, which has resulted in the discovery of novel bioactive substances.

**Artificial Biotechnology**

Synthetic biology is the process of reusing organisms by giving them new capabilities through engineering. This technique can be used to optimize the manufacturing of natural products.

Example: creating natural product analogs with improved pharmacological qualities by engineering microbial hosts.

**The use of AI and ML**

Artificial intelligence and ML systems can estimate the activity of natural substances and identify patterns in large datasets.

Example: By forecasting the toxicity and bioactivity of natural compounds, AI-driven platforms have expedited the drug discovery process.

**CONCLUSION**

There are several medicinal compounds found in natural goods that can be used to treat a variety of ailments. The structural and functional diversity of these materials is examined in this paper. Although it began at the start of the nineteenth century, the process of turning natural remedies into medicines has progressed quite slowly. The development of molecular combinatorial chemistry and biology over the past forty years has made it possible to rationally create chemical compounds that target specific molecules.

These compounds have increased our understanding of the disease, resulted in creating new fresh, powerful therapies with unique modes for activity, opening up fresh directions to the coming year's research into tumour medications.

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