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## Prediction and investigation of prognostic factors, therapeutic targets from medicinally significant plant for breast cancer

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**Abstract**

Breast cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of mortality and frequently diagnosed malignancy. BCL2 is unregulated by the hormone oestrogens through a direct consequence of transcriptional induction. Components of medicinal plants can be searched for potent therapeutic protein targets, active sites, and significant hits that will be further studied in lead optimisation and drug development to offer computational support for creating pharmaceuticals. *In-silico* study tools help to predict the active drug candidate and forecast oral bioavailability to construct suitable invigorating approaches to superintend human cancer effects. Despite some promising results in examining inhibitory mechanisms, and safety efficacy treatment, both *In-silico* and invitro approaches to search for suitable drugs from the FDA-approved drug library. In this study of Phyto lipids 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE<sub>2</sub>, (2E, 4E, 8E, 10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, Pyruvic acid found in *Alpinia galanga* has higher binding affinity against cancer supported targeted therapeutic protein. Phyto lipids are screened using *In silico* research, which uses Swiss ADMET, molecular docking, molecular simulations, and drug-likeness to anticipate and suggest possible hits against cancer gene targets.

**Article Highlights**

- Lipid ligands can be thought of as molecular targets of proteins or enzymes.
- 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE<sub>2</sub>, (2E,4E,8E,10E)- dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, Pyruvic acid - formulation of therapeutic approaches in the field of medicine traditionally.
- The molecular weight of all four selected ligands is within an acceptable range (MWT ≤ 500), which indicates that they can be easily absorbed, diffused, and transported according to the Lipisskis rule.

**Keywords:** Gas chromatography mass spectroscopy, molecular docking, EGFR, Bcl2, *Alpinia galanga*, phyto lipid ligands

**Introduction**

Breast cancer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of mortality and frequently diagnosed malignancy is caused commonly by a high-fat diet, lack of physical activity and excessive alcohol intake [16]. Epidermal growth factor receptor, a first discovered ErbB family receptor tyrosine kinases and its EGFR β signalling in the primary mammary tumour are altered in metastatic breast cancer [49]. BCL2 - an antiapoptotic protein of the BCL family expressed in various solid tumours, breast cancer, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, lung cancer, stomach cancer, and ovarian cancer. In breast cancer, BCL2 is unregulated by the hormone oestrogens through a direct consequence of transcriptional induction [50].

*In-silico* study tools help to predict the active drug candidate and forecast oral bioavailability to construct suitable invigorating approaches to superintend human cancer effects. However, there have been encouraging findings regarding inhibitory processes, safety effectiveness treatment, and both *In silico* and *In vitro* methods for locating appropriate medications from the FDA-approved drug library. Components of medicinal plants can be searched for potent therapeutic protein targets, active sites, and significant hits that will be further studied in lead optimisation and drug development to offer computational support for creating pharmaceuticals [8, 16].

Worldwide with the increase in the incidence of cancer servers like Molinspiration Cheminformatics provide tools to develop drug models or drug designs with

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high-quality molecules, problem associated with cancer and molecular database tools supporting disease diagnosis [1]. solutions to a common

There is an essential requirement to develop substructure and similarity searches and this software helps to identify new and potent anticancer agents with fragment-based virtual screening, resistance problems involving the computational study of pharmacokinetic Mo inspiration tools have various parameters like bioactivity score and toxicity parameters with easily available on any online platform [2].

*In silico* Pharmacokinetic study of known drugs with major properties like hydrophobicity, drug-likeness (Lipinski's rule of five) in electronic distribution, and hydrogen bonding. Drug distribution throughout the body is largely influenced by hydrophobicity, which may be examined in the pharmacokinetic analysis using the tool Molinspiration. The hydrophobicity of any molecule can be evaluated in the Cheminformatics server by analysing the value of log P. big chemical following absorption [7]. Predicting the surface properties of polar molecules provides lead for functional drug development for intestinal drug absorption. The study of interaction reveals the binding of phytochemicals with amino acid residues of target proteins that medicinal plants containing these Phyto lipids like 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, (2E, 4E, 8E, 10E)- dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, Pyruvic acid can be used in the formulation of therapeutic approaches in the field of medicine traditionally.

This *In-silico* study of Phyto lipids 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, (2E, 4E, 8E, 10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, Pyruvic acid found in *Alpinia galanga* has higher binding affinity against cancer supported targeted therapeutic protein. The computer programme Auto Dock Vina 1.1.2 was used to conduct the molecular docking investigations. The online Swiss model was utilised to model the three-dimensional protein structures that were obtained from the RCSB PDB databases. Phyto lipids are screened using *In silico* research, which uses Swiss ADMET, molecular docking, molecular simulations, and drug-likeness to anticipate and suggest possible hits against cancer gene targets.

## Methodology

### 1. Collection of sample and plant authentication

Rhizomes of *Alpinia galanga* were obtained from the farmed agricultural site in Sabarimala, near the borders of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The source of the rhizomes was verified by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore. The specimens' voucher number is BSI/SRC/5/23/2019/Tech/3217.

### 2. Preparation of Phyto lipid extracts from *Alpinia galanga*:

*Alpinia galanga* rhizomes were electrically blended, shade-dried, sieved, and kept at room temperature pending additional examination. The powdered samples were extracted in a Soxhlet apparatus at 60–65 °C for 48 hours using 250 cc of Methanol: Chloroform in a 2:1 ratio and 1% KCL [51]. The filtrate was then evaporated. Until additional examination, the resulting extracts were kept in storage at -20 °C. It was determined what percentage of the Phyto lipid extracts were produced [5].

### 3. Gas chromatography Mass spectrometry

Methanol was used to prepare the plant samples that had been lipid extracted for examination. Shimadzu GC-2010 (Serial No.: O20394703148) was used to obtain GC-MS spectra. Gas chromatography (GC) and mass spectrometry (MS) are two distinct analytical techniques that are combined to analyse complex organic and biochemical mixtures and separate volatile and semi-volatile compounds with high resolution, allowing for precise identification and quantification. Bypassing the sample through a stationary phase that is fixed in the column and an inert gas (mobile phase), the gas chromatography component of the process separates various compounds in the sample into pulses of pure chemicals based on their volatility. The mass spectrometer gathers compound spectra as they come out of a chromatographic column and uses this information to identify and quantify the chemicals based on their mass-to-charge ratio (m/z). For the GC/MS analysis, the lipid-extracted plant samples were produced using a 2:1 ratio of chloroform to methanol at a concentration of 1 mg/ml. Plotting was done after spectra were adjusted to the baseline blank [52].

### 4. Software platform for molecular modelling of selected ligands and Protein preparation

We obtained the ligand structures over the internet at PubChem (<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). The protein data bank provided the 3D crystalline structures of the antiapoptotic proteins EGFR (PDB ID:3UG2) and BCL2 (PDB ID:5AGW). The Auto Dock Tools 1.5.7 (<https://ccsb.scripps.edu/mgltools/downloads/>) were utilised to produce the protein and ligands. Auto Dock V 1.1.2 was used to conduct the docking investigation. The intermolecular interactions between the ligand and protein were examined using Discovery Studio and the PyMol programme (<https://pymol.org/>).

### 5. Determination of ADMET and drug-likeness prediction

Following the molecular docking investigations of Phyto lipids with two target genes for breast cancer, the online tool Swiss ADME (<http://www.swissadme.ch/index.php>) was used to screen Phyto lipids for absorption, distribution, metabolism, elimination, and toxicity (ADMET) to predict their pharmacokinetic features.

Molinspiration, an online program, was utilised to upload the structures of the chosen Phyto lipids in SMILES format to anticipate the features of drug-likeness. The prospective phytochemicals were selected for more research on protein-ligand interactions based on their drug-likeness and bioavailability. It is significant to note that the formula satisfying the terms lipophilicity, hydrophobicity, and polarity of the compound—which gauge the compound's capacity to bind to the target protein's hydrophobic sites—is the basis for calculating logP [9].

## Results and Discussion

**Gas chromatography Mass spectrometry- Retrieval of the lipid ligands:** GC – MS analysis was carried out to identify the compounds present in the sample. The peaks were absorbed for the total lipid extracts of *Alpinia galanga* (Figure 1). Twenty-eight Phyto lipids (Supplementary data - Table 1) were identified from the resultant extract of *Alpinia galanga* ligands and thirteen lipid ligands (Supplementary data – Table 2) were used to the compounds decipher which will bind to



PGE<sub>2</sub>, (2E, 4E, 8E, 10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pyrulic acid were -6.9 Kcal/mol, -5.1 Kcal/mol, and -5.3 Kcal/mol. Similarly, the free energies of binding ( $G_{\text{bind}}$  Kcal/mol) with BCL2 for 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE<sub>2</sub>, (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide, 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl] were -6.7 Kcal/mol, -5.3 Kcal/mol, and -4.5 Kcal/mol, respectively (Figure 5 and 6). Furthermore, docking studies provide important information on the mechanism of the reference inhibitor's binding to the active site.

#### Determination of *In-silico* pharmacokinetic properties, ADME and drug-likeness of selected Phyto lipid ligands

Four lipid ligands were selected out of thirteen Phyto lipid ligands, and their pharmacokinetic properties, bioactivity score, and various drug-likeness properties were analysed using SWISSADME (Table 4). The molecular weight of all four selected ligands is within an acceptable range ( $MWT \leq 500$ ), which indicates that they can be easily absorbed,

diffused, and transported according to the Lipisskis rule. The MLog P value, which is used to calculate the lipophilic efficiency that measures the potency of drugs, is also in an accepted range. The hydrophobicity of the molecules was evaluated using the log P value, which plays a vital role in the drug distribution after absorption (Figure 4). The topological polar surface area (TPSA) was evaluated to analyse drug transport. Table 2 provides a detailed analysis of these pharmacokinetic parameters. Based on the bioactivity score (Table 7), lipid components with a score of more than 0.00 are biologically active, those between 0.5 to 0.00 are moderately active, and those less than -0.50 are inactive (Table 3 and Table 5). The results of this study provide a lead for the design and development of a new potent Phyto lipid drug for breast cancer. The computational study of all selected drugs provides information about their pharmacokinetics parameters, which can help in designing more effective and less toxic drugs.

**Table 4:** Pharmacokinetic Properties

Compound Name	LM ID	Smiles	Property							Log P
			Water solubility (log mol/L)	Caco2 permeability (log Papp in 10-6 cm/s)	Intestinal absorption (%)	Skin permeability (log Kp)	P-glyco protein substrate	P-glyco protein I inhibitor	P-glyco protein II inhibitor	
Bicycle [3.1.1] heptane, 6-methyl]	LMFA03010067	[C@H]1(/C=C/[C@H](O)CCC2C=CC=CC=2)[C@H](O)CC(=O)[C@H]1C/C=C/C(CCC(=O)O)	-3.612	1.162 log Papp in 10-6 cm/s	56.93	-2.735	Yes	No	No	3.3036
Diethyl phthalate	LMFA01170008	C(/C=C/C=C/CC/C=C/C=C/C(=O)O)(=O)O	-2.311	0.737	95.042	-2.735	No	No	No	2.1606
Amfetamine - M	LMFA08030031	[C@H]1(CCOC1=O)NC(=O)CC(=O)CC	-0.622	0.6	91.265	-3.567	No	No	No	0.2127
Pyrulic acid	LMFA01030482	C(CCCCCC#C/C=C/CCCCC)(=O)O	-5.733	1.584	94.156	-2.681	No	No	No	4.9416

**Table 5:** Drug likeness of the ligands – SWISSADME

Properties	Molecules 1	Molecules 2	Molecules 3	Molecules 4
<b>Physicochemical Properties</b>				
Number of heavy atoms	27	16	14	19
Number of aromatic heavy atoms	6	0	0	0
Fraction Csp3	0.48	0.17	0.67	0.71
Number of rotatable bonds	11	7	5	11
Number of H-bond acceptors	4	4	4	2
Number of H-bond donors	2	2	1	1
Molar Refractivity	107.98	61.45	47.75	83.29
TPSA	74.60 Å <sup>2</sup>	74.60 Å <sup>2</sup>	72.47 Å <sup>2</sup>	37.30 Å <sup>2</sup>
<b>Lipophilicity</b>				
Log P o/w (iLOGP)	2.95	1.89	1.09	3.98
Log P o/w (XLOGP3)	2.73	2.08	0.50	6.43
Log P o/w (WLOGP)	3.42	2.16	-0.21	5.02
Log P o/w (MLOGP)	2.31	1.77	-0.47	4.23
Log P o/w (SILICOS-IT)	5.04	1.84	0.92	5.18
Consensus Log P o/w	3.29	1.95	0.36	4.97
<b>Water Solubility</b>				
Log S (ESOL)	-3.30	-2.07	-1.06	-4.80
Solubility	1.88-01 mg/ml; 5.07e-04 mol/l	1.91e+00 mg/ml; 8.58e-03 mol/l	1.73e+01 mg/ml; 8.71e-02 mol/l	4.15e-03 mg/ml; 1.57e-05 mol/l
Class	Soluble	Soluble	Very soluble	Moderately soluble
Log S (Ali)	-3.95	-3.28	-1.59	-7.01
Solubility	4.15e-02 mg/ml; 1.12e-04 mol/l	1.18e-01 mg/ml; 5.29e-04 mol/l	5.10e+00 mg/ml; 2.56e-02 mol/l	2.60e-05 mg/ml; 9.84e-08 mol/l
Class	Soluble	Soluble	Very soluble	Poorly soluble
Log S (SILICOS-IT)	-4.38	0.20	-1.54	-4.27
Solubility	1.53e-02 mg/ml; 4.13e-05 mol/l	3.48e+02 mg/ml; 1.57e+00 mol/l	5.76e+00 mg/ml; 2.89e-02 mol/l	1.42e-02 mg/ml; 5.38e-05 mol/l



Class	Moderately soluble	Soluble	Soluble	Moderately soluble
<b>Pharmacokinetics</b>				
GI absorption	High	High	High	High
BBB permeant	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
P-gp substrate	Yes	No	No	No
CYP1A2 inhibitor	Yes	No	No	Yes
CYP2C19 inhibitor	No	No	No	No
CYP2C9 inhibitor	No	No	No	Yes
CYP2D6 inhibitor	No	No	No	No
CYP3A4 inhibitor	No	No	No	No
Log Kp (skin permeation)	-6.62 cm/s	-6.18 cm/s	-7.16 cm/s	-3.35 cm/s
<b>Druglikeness</b>				
Lipinski	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ghose	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Veber	No	Yes	Yes	No
Egan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Muegge	Yes	Yes	No	No
Bioavailability Score	0.55	0.85	0.55	0.85
<b>Medicinal chemistry</b>				
Leadlikeness	No	No	No	No
Synthetic accessibility	4.38	3.23	2.26	3.91

ADMET- Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion and Toxicity, TPSA – Topological polar surface area, BBB- blood-brain barrier, GI- Gastrointestinal track.

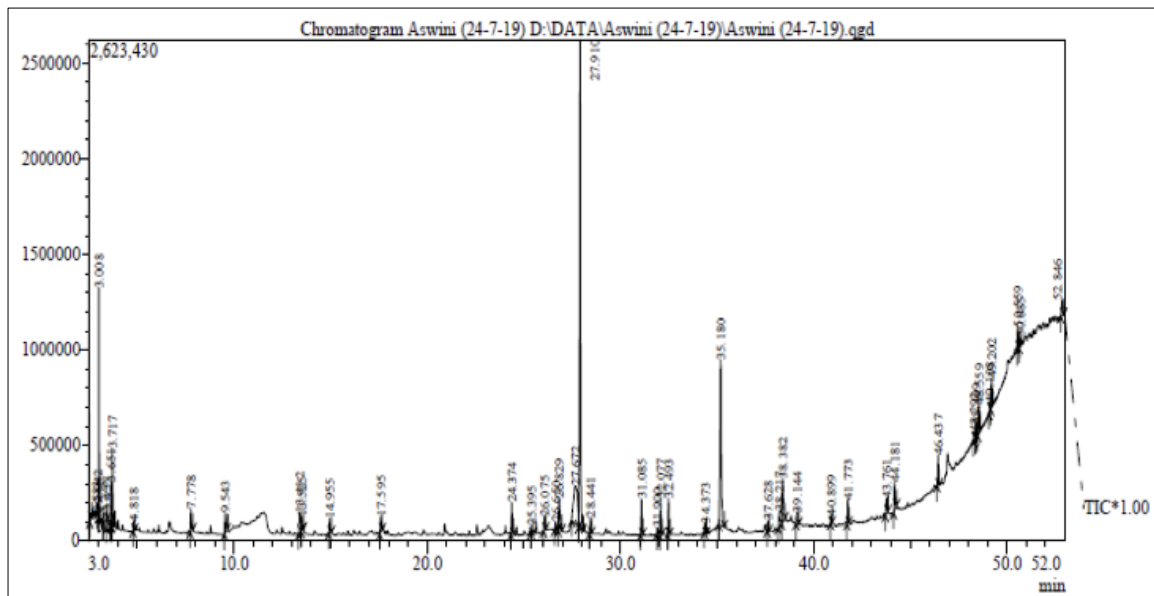
**Table 6:** Details of docking score of the compounds with EGFR (PDB ID: 3UG2) and Bcl2 (PDB ID: 5AGW)

S.no	Pubchem CID	Ligand Name	EGFR – Dock Score (kcal/mol)	Bcl2 - Dock Score (kcal/mol)
1	5541	Triacetin (Glycerin)	-4.9	-5.0
2	6581	Propionic acid (2-propyn-1-ol)	-3.3	-3.4
3	176	Acetic acid (Acetic acid, methyl ester)	-2.7	-3.2
4	1032	Propionic acid (Propanoic acid, 2-oxo-, methyl)	-3.2	-3.4
5	642034	Penta-2,4-dienoic acid (2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 2-hydroxy-)	-4.3	-4.2
6	54697417	3-Hydroxybut-2-enoic acid (2-Hydroxy-gamma-butyrolactone)	-4	-4.5
7	20848966	2,3-Dihydroxy-valeric acid (1,2,3-Propanetriol, monoacetate)	-4.3	-4.3
8	5283068	17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2 (Bicyclo[3.1.1]heptane, 6-methyl)	-6.9	-6.7
9	9543653	(2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid (Diethyl phthalate)	-5.1	-5.3
10	11820073	Pentanamide, 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]- (Amphetamine-M)	-5.5 (Did not bind in target site)	-5.2
11	5312621	Pyruvic acid (Farnesyl acetate 2)	-5.3	-4.5
12	10465	Heptadecanoic acid (Heptadecanoic acid, methyl es)	-4.6	-4.6
13	985	Palmitic acid (N-Hexadecanoic acid)	-4.7	-4.4
14	Inhibitor from crystal structure 2O21	3-Nitro-N-[4-[2-(2-Phenylethyl)-1,3-Benzothiazol-5-Yl] Benzoyl]-4-[[2-(Phenylsulfanyl)Ethyl] Amino] Benzenesulfonamide	-9.1	-7.8

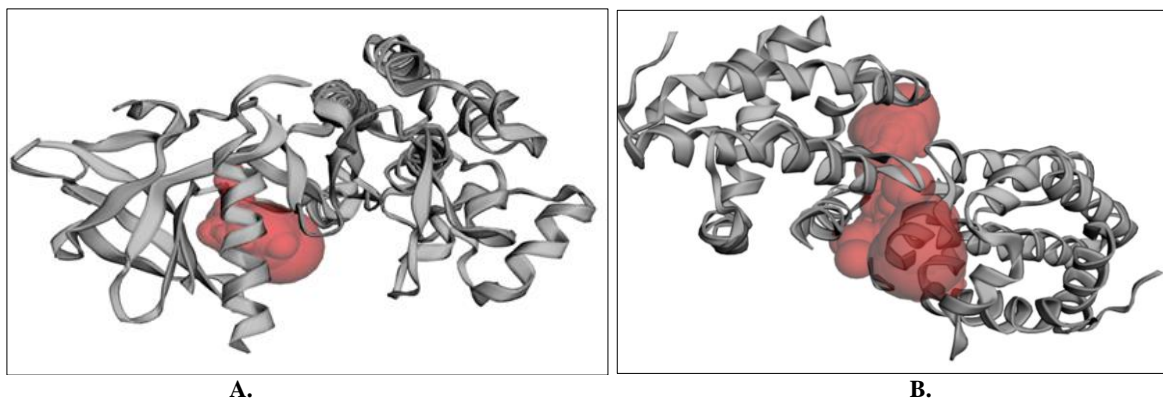
**Table 7:** Docking score and interaction of ligands with the amino acids

Selected Biomolecules (Phyto lipids)	17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2		(2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid		Pentanamide, 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-		Pyruvic acid									
	EGFR (PDB ID: 3UG2)	Bcl2 (PDB ID: 5AGW)	EGFR (PDB ID: 3UG2)	Bcl2 (PDB ID: 5AGW)	EGFR (PDB ID: 3UG2)	Bcl2 (PDB ID: 5AGW)	EGFR (PDB ID: 3UG2)	Bcl2 (PDB ID: 5AGW)								
Docking score of Selected biomolecules)	-6.9	-6.7	-5.1	-5.3	-5.5	-5.2	-5.3	-4.5								
<b>Nature of Interaction</b>																
Hydrogen bonding interactions	Amino acids	Distance (Å)	Amino acids	Distance (Å)	Amino acids	Distance (Å)	Amino acids	Distance (Å)	Amino acids	Distance (Å)						
	H...Asp111	3.4	O...Met793	2.1	H...Ala149	2.3	O...Gly796	2.8	H15...Ala743	2.9	H11...Ala149	3.2				
Hydrophobic interactions	Lig...Phe112 (Pi-Pi Stacked ...Pi orbital)	3.4	Lig...Leu718 (Pi sigma...Pi orbital)	3.8	Lig...Tyr108 (Pi-Alkyl...Pi-orbital)	4.3	Lig...Leu718 (Alkyl...Alkyl)	4.8	Lig...Leu718 (Alkyl...Alkyl)	4.2	Lig...Phe112 (Pi-Alkyl...Pi-orbital)	3.6				
					Lig...Phe112 (Pi-Alkyl...Pi-orbital)	5.3	Lig...Val726 (Alkyl...Alkyl)	5.0	Lig...Val726 (Alkyl...Alkyl)	4.8	Lig...Val133 (Alkyl...Alkyl)	3.9				
					Lig...Met115	5.0	Lig...Leu844	5.0	Lig...Phe194	4.8	Lig...Ala743	3.9	Lig...Ala743	3.9	Lig...Leu137	4.2

(Alkyl...Alkyl)	(Alkyl...Alkyl)	(Pi-Alkyl...Pi-orbital)	(Alkyl...Alkyl)	(Alkyl...Alkyl)	(Alkyl...Alkyl)
			Lig...Leu844	5.1	Lig...Lys745
			(Alkyl...Alkyl)		(Alkyl...Alkyl)
					Lig...Met790
					(Alkyl...Alkyl)
					4.3
					4.2
					5.1



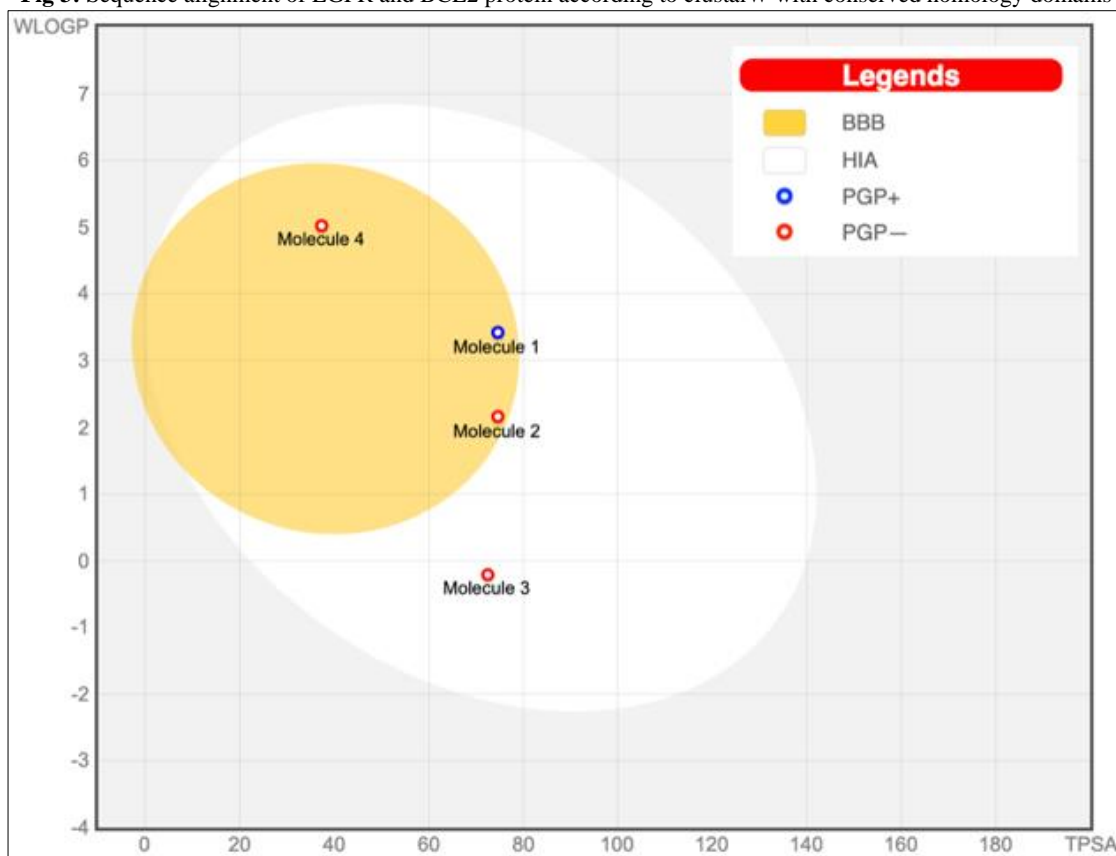
**Fig 1:** Chromatogram – Mass spectrum of *Alpinia galanga* (extracted Phyto lipid sample)



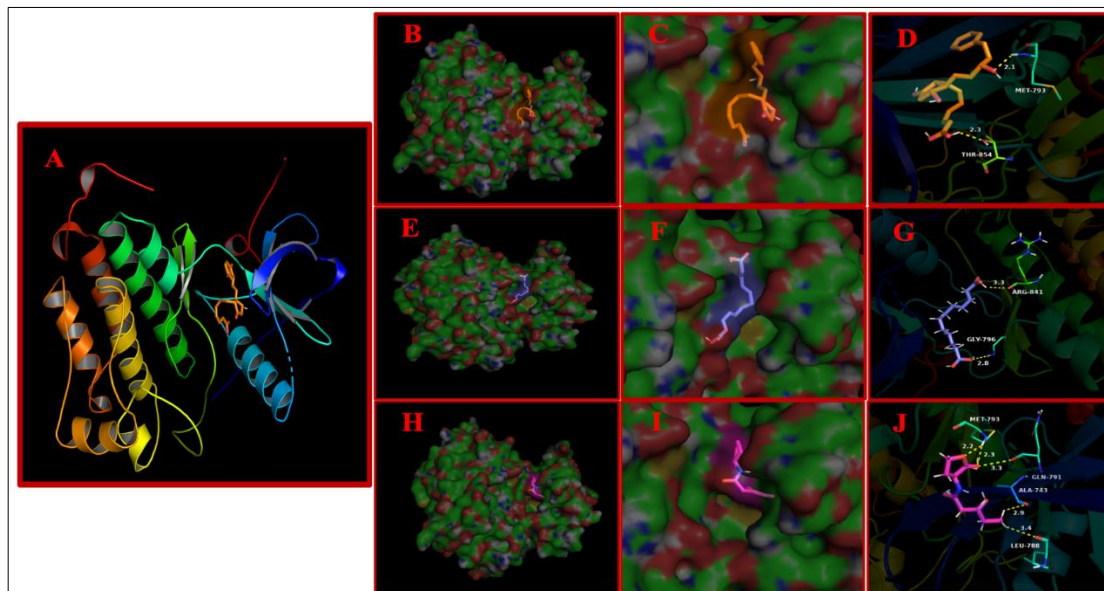
**Fig 2:** Active site - Target gene EGFR and BCL2



**Fig 3:** Sequence alignment of EGFR and BCL2 protein according to clustalW with conserved homology domains



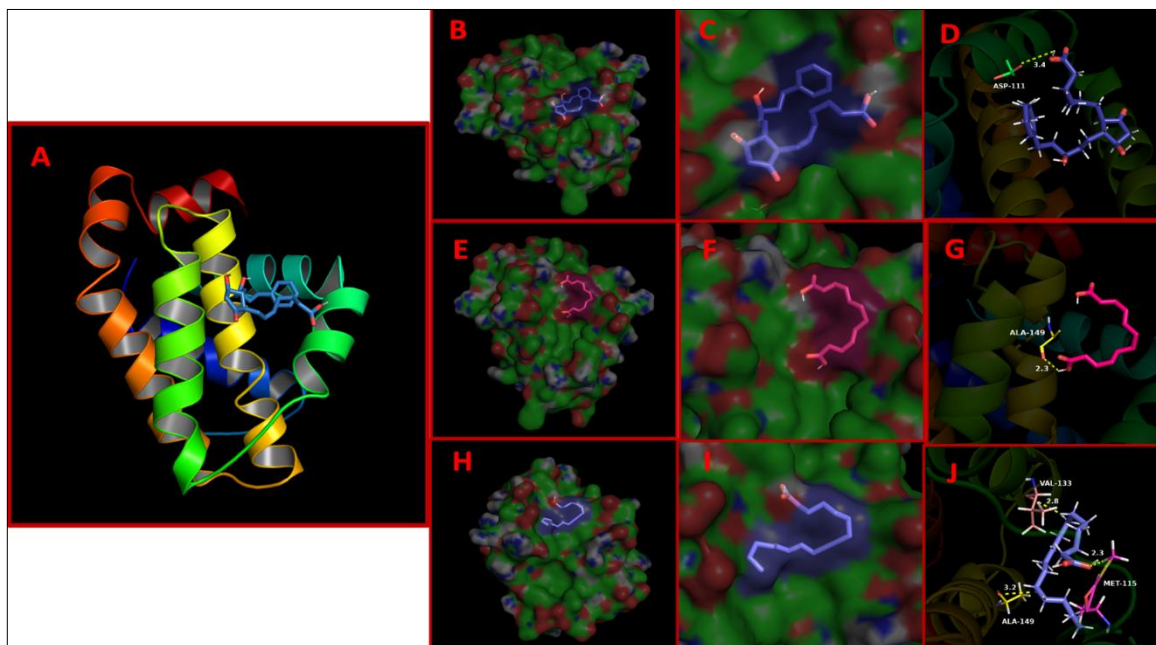
**Fig 4:** Pharmacokinetics Boiled egg



**Fig 5:** Molecular docking of selected lipid ligands with EGFR as a target protein

**Figure 5: Molecular docking of selected lipid ligands with EGFR as a target protein:** A. 2D structure of the EGFR protein, B. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the EGRF receptors and 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, C. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the EGRF receptors and 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, D. 2D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the EGRF receptors and 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, E. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the EGRF receptors and (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, F. 3D binding mode of designed

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**Fig 6:** Molecular docking of selected lipid ligands with BCL2 as a target protein

**Figure 6: Molecular docking of selected lipid ligands with BCL2 as a target protein:** A. 2D structure of the BCL2 protein, B. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, C. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, D. 2D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE2, E. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, F. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, G. 2D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, H. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets

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of the BCL2 receptors and Pentanamide, 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, I. 3D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and Pentanamide, 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, J. 2D binding mode of designed molecule in the active pockets of the BCL2 receptors and Pentanamide, 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-.

### Summary and Conclusion

In 2016, Shashank Mishra and associates conducted research on the *In-silico* calculation of anti-tubercular drug ADME, bioactivity, and toxicity parameters. Among the several pharmacokinetic characteristics, tuberculosis continues to be the most common physicochemical descriptor <sup>[1]</sup>. According to estimates from the World Health Organisation, there are between 8 and 10 million new cases of tuberculosis each year. The disease COVID-19 is caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which is the subject of extensive ongoing research to develop suitable therapeutic approaches to control its effects. Seshu Sahoo (2020) reported on an *In-silico* ADMET and molecular docking study on searching potential inhibitors from limonoids and triterpenoids for COVID-19. A combination of computational and experimental methods is utilised to find appropriate medications from the database of FDA-approved medications and medications undergoing clinical trials. The phytochemical limonin, which is known to inhibit the replication of retroviruses like HTLV-I and HIV-1, demonstrated a higher dock score towards the protein targets RdRp and ACE2, according to a recent molecular docking study on the search for COVID-19 inhibitors. *In silico* ADMET and drug-likeness prediction were used to propose potential hits against the five therapeutic protein targets of SARS-CoV-2, which are 3CLpro, PLpro, RdRp, SpG-RBD, and ACE2.

Drug development is greatly aided by ligand-receptor interactions, which are crucial in eliciting biological responses. The study examined and compared the relative affinities of 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE<sub>2</sub>, (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, and Pyruvic acid lipid ligands with two target proteins.

The study of ligand binding affinities with proteins can benefit from the application of molecular docking experiments. The goal of this work was to investigate ligand-receptor interactions through the application of biochemical and bioinformatic methods. Utilising bioinformatic methods, the tiny atomic interactions between the protein and ligand were examined. Potential ligands for two proteins (3UG2 and 5AGW) were looked for. The strong binding affinities of the eight lipid ligands were compared, and the bound interaction was examined to see the microscopic atomic interactions between the ligands and proteins. Pymol and other bioinformatic techniques were utilised to investigate the bound interactions between proteins and ligands. The results of the analysis were converted into pictures that show the target ligands-protein interaction.

The discovery that naturally occurring lipid ligands represent a novel class of putative ligands for physiologically important proteins is the study's primary contribution. Many details on these lipid ligands and proteins have been made public by this research. Interestingly, similar binding affinities and favourable binding contacts have been demonstrated by the 17-phenyl-omega-trinor-PGE<sub>2</sub>, (2E,4E,8E,10E)-dodecatetraenedioic acid, Pentanamide 3-oxo-N-[(3S)-

tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-furanyl]-, and pyruvic acid groups of lipid ligands. The fundamental information about the strength of binding between lipid ligands and proteins is provided by binding affinity. To investigate the significance of the lipid-protein interaction—which has some limitations because the outcomes depend on the structure of the ligand and receptor—more information about the atomic interaction between the lipid and protein should be known. Lipid ligands can be thought of as molecular targets of proteins or enzymes.

### Abbreviations

BCL2 - B-cell lymphoma 2  
 FDA - Food and Drug Administration  
 EGFR - Epidermal growth factor receptor  
 ErbB - Erythroblastic leukaemia viral oncogene homologue  
 RCSB - Research Collaboratory for Structural Bioinformatics  
 PDB - Protein Data Bank  
 ADMET - Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion and Toxicity  
 GCMS - Gas chromatography Mass Spectrometry  
 KCL - Potassium chloride  
 ADME - Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism and Excretion.  
 NCBI - National centre for Biotechnology Information.  
 BSI - Botanical survey of India  
 NIH - National Institutes of Health  
 TNBC - Triple negative breast cancer  
 IBC - Inflammatory breast cancer  
 MW - Molecular weight

### Conflict of interest

No financial or commercial tie might be seen as a possible conflict of interest while the research was done.

### Data availability

The authors confirmed that the data supporting the findings of this study are available within the article and its supplementary materials. Raw data that supports the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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