



Pytomedicines used in a treatment of malarial .

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The antimalarial medicinal plants used for the treatment of malaria in India

Abstract :

Malaria is known to cause around 1 million deaths per annum. It is getting very difficult to treat patients suffering from this disease. Different vaccines have yet been developed for malaria because of the metabolic pathways during its life cycle but nature still offers us a secondary metabolite which has yet to be explored.

Plant-based medicines have been used traditionally to treat malaria; therefore, one can hope that plant-derived drugs can prove to be the source of novel lead compounds to control malaria. Six plant species, namely *Alstonia scholaris*, *Coptis teeta*, *Crotalaria occulta*, *Ocimum sanctum*, *Polygala persicarioefolia*, and *Vitex pedunculata*, have been used in different parts of India.

The most frequently used plant parts were leaves (33%), roots (31%), and bark and whole plant (12%), which would help further workers to find out the suitable antimalarial plants by thorough study.

Key words :

Malaria, medicinal plants, mosquito repellent, Alkaloids, traditional knowledge of medicine, *Plasmodium falciparum*.



Introduction :

In the WHO south-east Asia region. Three countries accounted for 98% of the total reported cases in the region the main contributor being India (58%) followed by Indonesia (30%) and Myanmar (10%) according to the WMR 2019 India represents 3% of the global malaria burden.

► In India high risk of malaria the districts of balaghat, dindori, mandla and seoni in the state of Madhya Pradesh the district of amini in Arunachal Pradesh North- eastern states of Meghalaya Mangalore.

India has sustained API less than one since year 2012 India has also contributed to the largest drop in case region wide from approximately 20million to about 6 million the percentage drop in the malaria cases was 71.8% and deaths was 73.9% between 2000 to 2019

The government of odisha has launched the malaria action coalition in collaboration with “malaria no more”india which is a non-profit organisation working to support India’s 2030 malaria elimination goal.

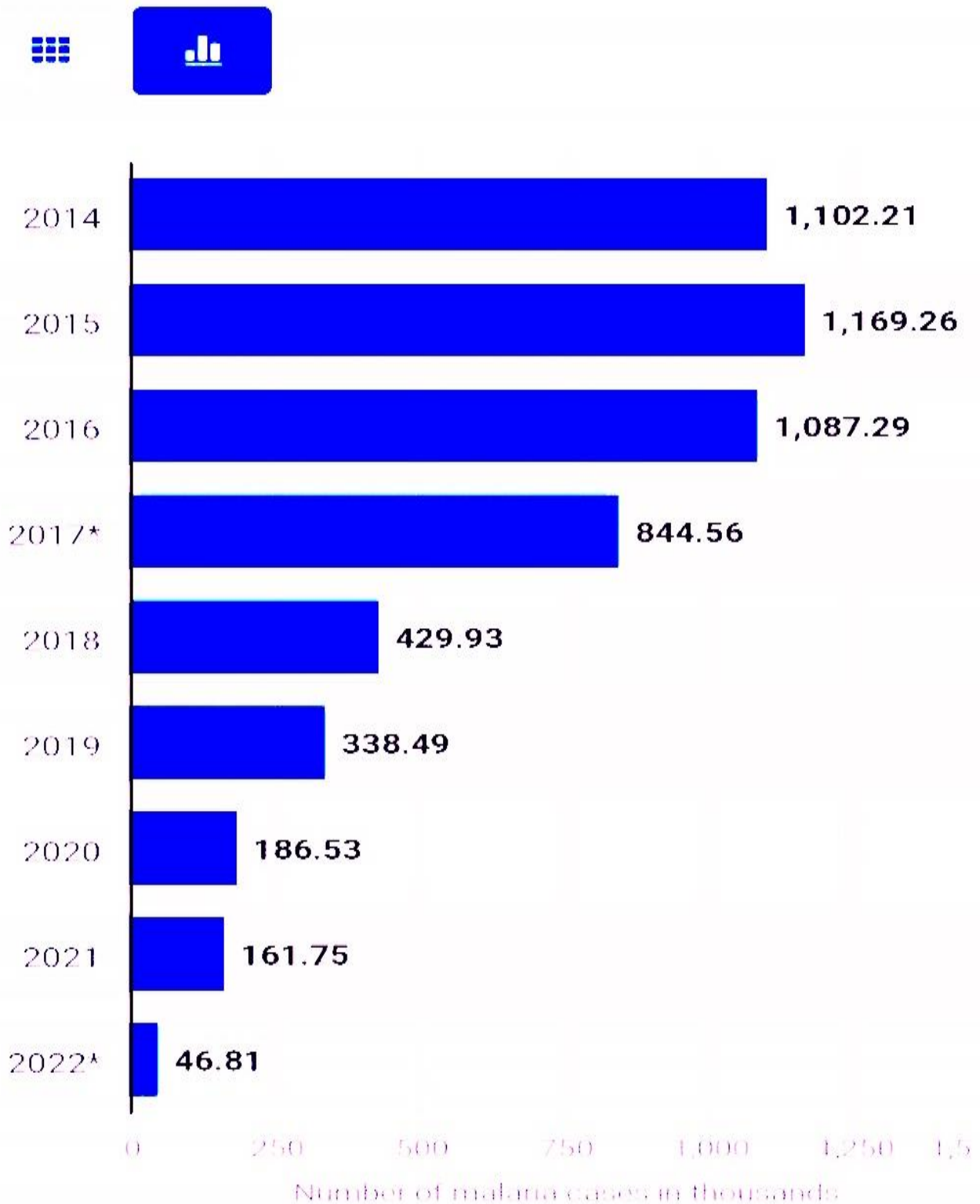
During June to September, the country experiences the manson, characterized by heavy rains across different states maximum transmission of malaria is due to collection of rainwater that promotes mosquito breeding.

According to the latest world malaria report there were 247 million cases of malaria in 2021 campared to 245 million cases in 2020 the estimated number of malaria death stood at 619000 in 2021 campared to 625000 in 2020.

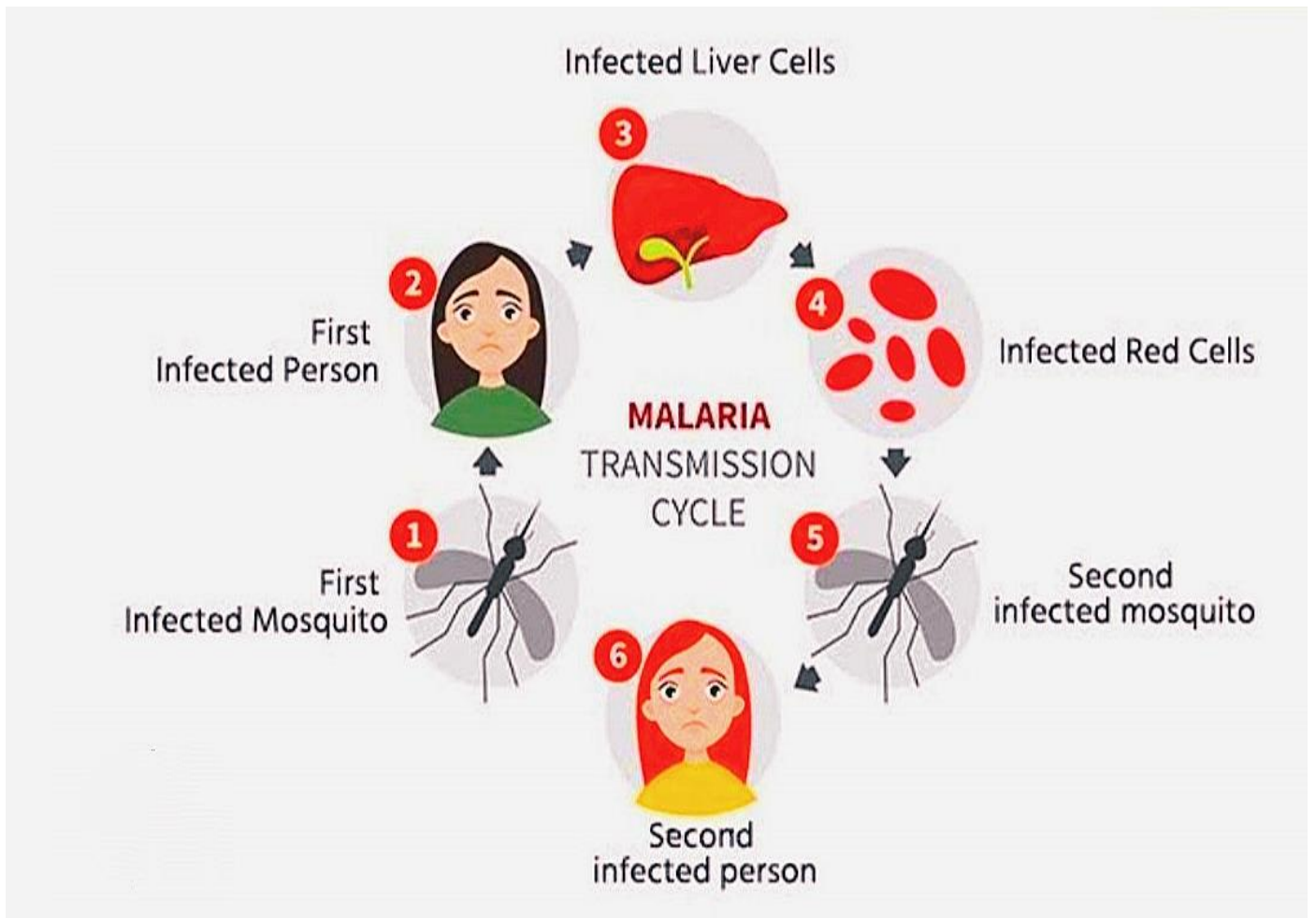
Graphical representation : In India a large number of plant species have been identified as anti-malarial medicinal plant pure products have been isolated from some of these plants.

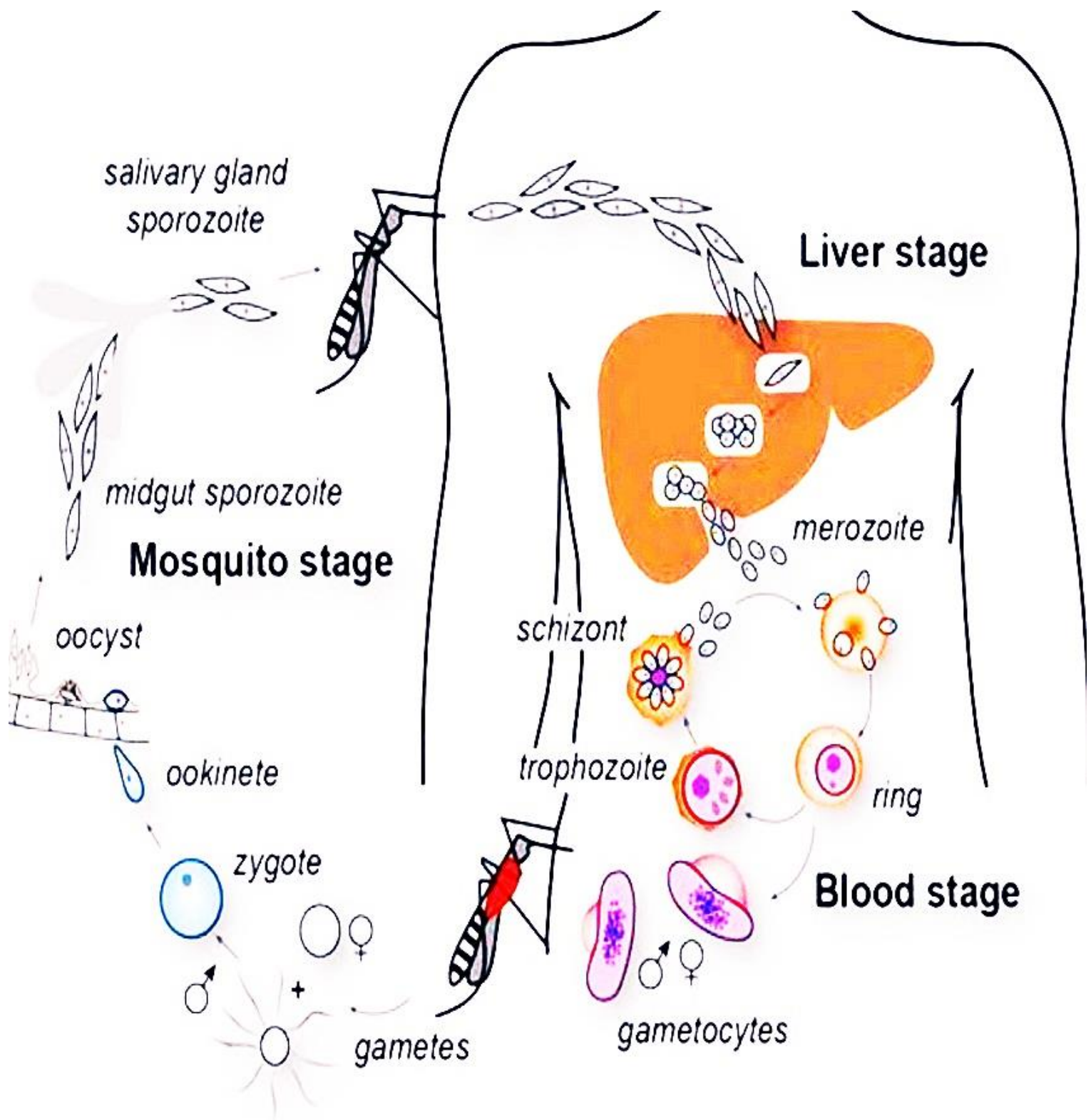
Pathology :

Malaria is a protozoal disease caused by any one or combination of four species of plasmodia: plasmodium vivax, plasmodium falciparum, plasmodium ovale And plasmodium malariae. While plasmodium falciparum



causes malignant malaria, the other three species produce benign form of illness. These parasites are transmitted by bite of female Anopheles mosquito. The disease is endemic in several parts of the world, especially in tropical Africa, parts of South and Central America, India and South-East Asia





The life cycle of plasmodia is complex and is diagrammatically depicted in following fig.

P. falciparum differs from other forms of plasmodia species in 4 respects:

► It does not have exo-erythrocytic stage.

Erythrocytes of any age are parasitised while other plasmodia parasite juvenile red cells.

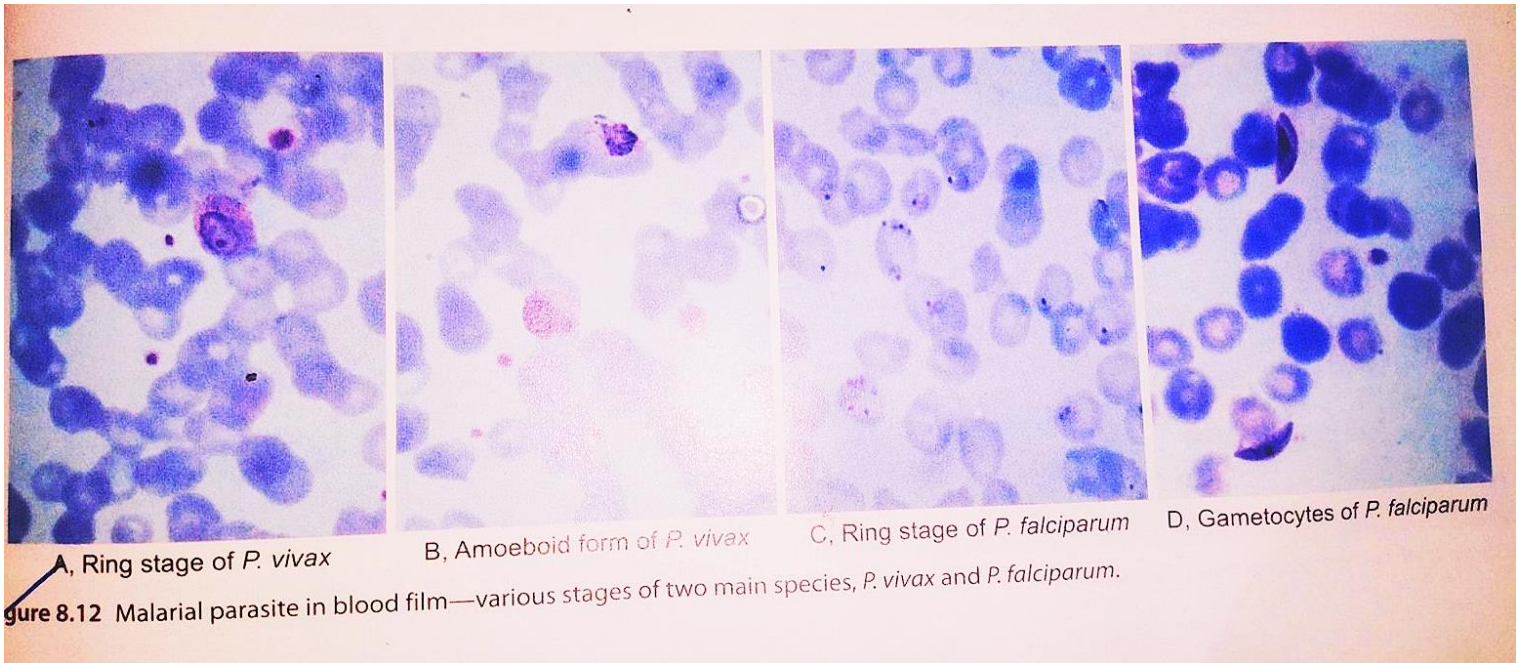
One red cell may contain more than one parasite.

The parasitised red cells are sticky causing obstruction of small blood vessels by thrombi, a feature which is responsible for extraordinary virulence of *p.falciparum*.

The main clinical features of malaria are cyclic peaks of high fever accompanied by chills, anaemia and splenomegaly.

► Major complications occurs in several *falciparum* malaria which may have manifestation of cerebral malaria (coma), hypoglycemia, renal impairment, severe anaemia, haemoglobinuria, jaundice.

The diagnosis of malaria is made by demonstration of malarial parasite in thin or thick blood films or sometimes in histologic section.



Signs and symptoms :



How does a plant make an antimalarial medicine.

Introduction.

Malaria is a global health issue. Despite world wide efforts about half a million people die from malaria every year. To develop more effective treatments, biochemists have been studying the antimalarial properties of artemisinin and how it's made. Malaria is deadly because of the dangerous parasite it creates in the body.

We know that the unusual convert another molecule (DHAA) into Artemisinin. but no one understood how ! Here, we solved this biology problem using chemistry.

We tagged DHAA to Artemisinin. We found this conversation happens spontaneously, without enzymes. also, it occurs faster in the presence of light. our understanding of Artemisinin formation can help us develop better malaria medicines in laboratories.

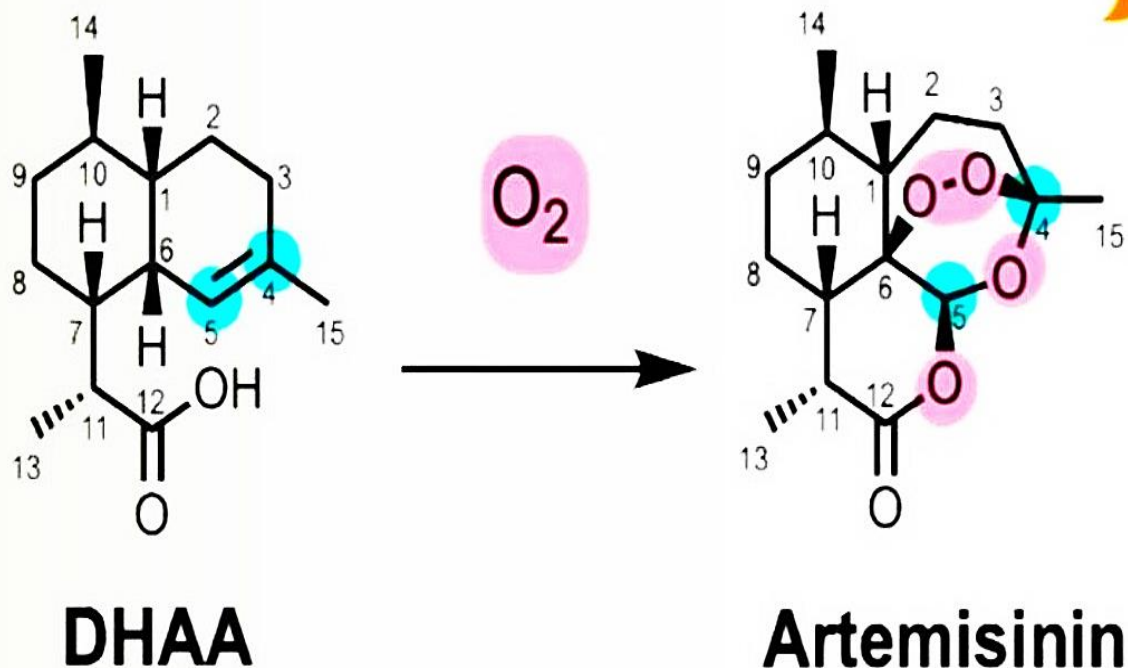
Methods:

We created DHAA using previously known chemical reactions and prepared a solutions. we divided this solution evenly into clear and Amber -colored glass containers(40 each) .we placed the clear glass container by an open window and we placed the Amber glass containers in a black box inside a cabinet.

Using the method of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, we watched how the Artemisinin formed in the different containers. this helped us identify the chemical structures of the molecule (DHAA and Artemisinin) in the container. but it didn't give us accurate information on how quickly the Artemisinin formed, so we revised our method

we developed a process in the lab that replace two hydrogen atoms in DHAA with deuterium atoms. atoms are made up protons, neutrons and electrons. deuterium has one extra neutron compared to hydrogen and is heavier than hydrogen. deuterium is called as isotope of hydrogen.

we used the same experimental setup as before (containers by the window vs in the cabinet) and this time we analysed Artemisinin formation through liquid chromatography – mass spectrometry (LCMS). Using the DHAA with two deuterium atoms formed over time.

**Figure 1:**

During the conversion of DHAA to artemisinin, oxygen molecules merge into the molecule to form an endoperoxide bond.

Result :

We found that the conversion of DHAA into Artemisinin is a spontaneous reaction .it does not involve enzymes.the addition of oxygen from the air to the DHAA molecule formed the endoperoxide bridge

Artemisinin formed in all cantainers.how ever, the reaction to form Artemisinin with two deuteriums happed forty times faster in the clear cantainers by the window than in the Amber cantainers in the dark cabinet.

Surprisingly, when the DHAA with two deuterium atoms converted to Artemisinin,some deuterium atoms were lost.

Recently published plant extracts with antiplasmodial activity :

Family

- ▶ Amaranthaceae
- ▶ Annonaceaceae

- ▶ Apiaceae
- ▶ Apiaceae

- ▶ Apocynaceae
- ▶ Asclepiadaceae
- ▶ Asteraceae

Species

Amaranthus spinosus.
Uvariopsis congolana
Polyalthia oliveri
Enantia cholrantha
Aphloia theiforms
Ferula oopoda
Astrodaucus orientalis
Picralima nitida
Caralluma tuberculata
Vernonia amygdalina
Psiadia arguta

Family	Species
Asteraceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Centaurea bruguieriana▶ Centaurea golestanica
Boraginaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Heliotropim zeylanicum
Buxaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Buxus hyrcana
▶ caesalpiniaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Cassia occidentalis
▶ Capparaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Boscia angustifolia
▶ Caryophyllaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Minuartia lineata
▶ Cucurbitaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Momordica foetida
▶ Dilleniaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Tefracera pogge
▶ Fabaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Glycyrrhiza glabra▶ Erythrina fusca▶ Stylosanthes erecta
Geraniaceae	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Tetrapleura tetrapte▶ Erodium oxyrrhynchum

Some important phytomedicine used in treatment of malaria in India :

Chinchona Alkaloids

Quinine quinidine

Alkaloid

Quinine.

Isolation and extraction

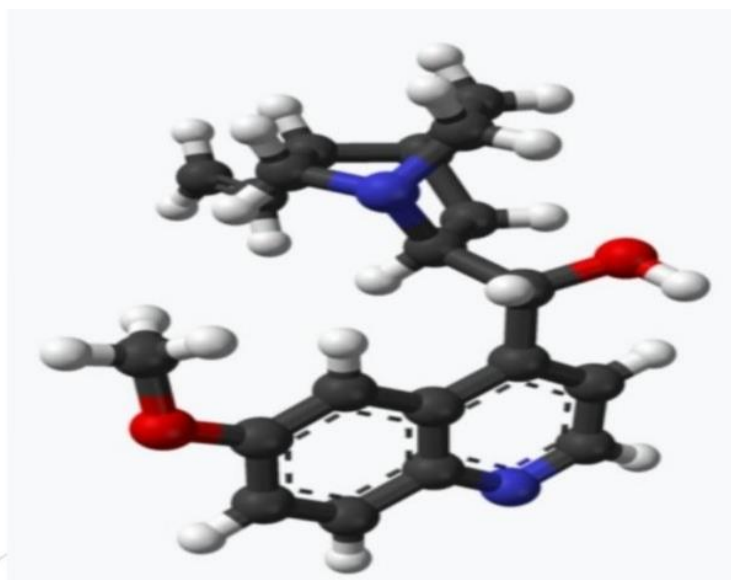
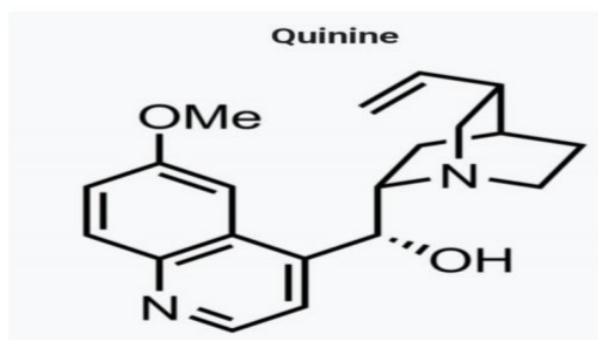
Quinine, as a component. The bark of the chinchona (quina-quina) tree.

The invention related to a process for the extraction of Quinine from ground chinchona bark by extraction with supercritical CO₂ at a pressure of 100 to 500 bar and a temperature of 80 to 120°C. The extracted Quinine is precipitated as Quinine sulphate in a separation vessel which is partially filled with sulphuric acid.



Some basic information about Quinine :

▶ Trade name.	=.	Qualaquin, Quinbisul and other
▶ Routes of administration.	=.	By mouth, intramuscular,
▶		intravenous, rectal.
▶ Legal stetus.	=.	Prescription only.
▶ Protein binding.	=.	70-95%
▶ Metabolism.	=.	Liver
▶ Elimination half life.	=.	8-14 hr (adults) 6-12hours(child)
▶ Excretion.	=.	Kidney (20%)
▶ Chemical formula.	=.	C ₂₀ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₂ .
▶ Molecular masss.	=.	324.424gmol ⁻¹
▶ Melting point.	=.	177 °c.
▶ Stuctural formula.	=.	



Uses :

Treat Lupus and arthritis, treatment for leg cramps at night but this has become less common due to a warning from the us FDA.

Adverse effects

Low platelet count and hemolytic uremic syndrome blackwater fever leukopenia and neutropenia, kidney failure.

List of some year of introduction and first report of resistance of antimalarial.

Quinine. =. **1632**

Chloroquine. =. **1945**

Proguanil =. **1948**

Mefloquine =. **1977**

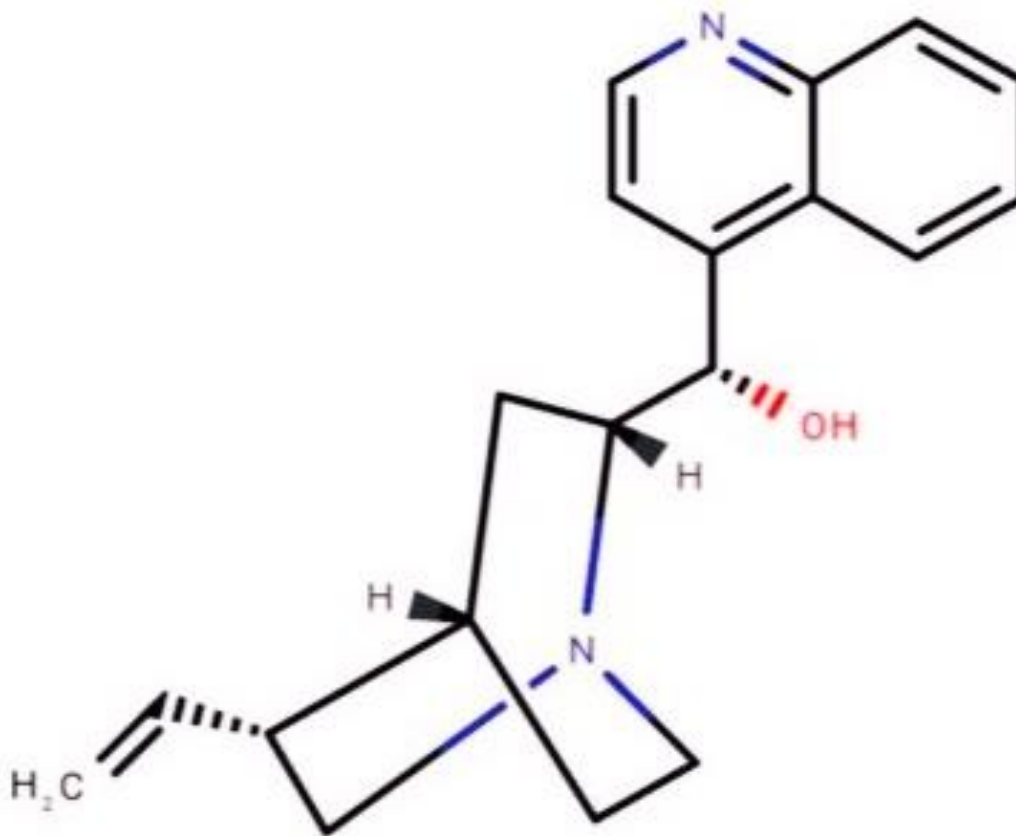
Artemisinin. =. **1971.**

Quinidine :

Quinidine is a medication used to restore normal sinus rhythm treat atrial fibrillation and flutter and treat ventricular arrhythmias.

Isolation and extraction

The powdered bark of chinchona is mixed with calcium hydroxide (or) calcium oxide and enough quantity of sodium hydroxide (5%) solution then the pasty material is allowed to stand for a few hours. The moistened material is packed in the Soxhlet apparatus and extracted with benzene



Some basic information about Quinidine :**Brand name = Nuedexta****Generic name = Quinidine****Type = Small molecule****Group = Approved, investigation****Weight = 324.4168****Chemical formula. = C₂₀H₂₄N₂O₂****Volume of distribution =. 2-3L/kg (adults) 0.5L/kg(patients with congestive heart failure and 3-5L/kg in patients with liver cirrhosis.****Protein binding. =. Bind with glycoprotein and albumin****Metabolism = Liver****Elimination =.Kidney****Half life =. 6-8hrs (adults) 3-4 hrs in pediatric patients****Sesquiterpine Lactones :**

The Artemisinin series are the newest of the antimalarial drugs and are structurally unique when compared with the compounds previously and currently used.

The parent compound, Artemisinin, is a natural product extracted from the dry leaves of artemisia annua (sweet warm wood)

All of the compounds given in figure are active against the plasmodium genera that causes malaria.

PLANT- ARTEMISIA ANNUA



The key structure characteristics appears to be a “trioxane”

Consisting of the endoperoxide and dioxepine oxygens.

Note that the stereo chemistry at position 12 is not critical.

These are the artemisinin derivatives used in malaria

Artesunate

Artemether

Arteether

Arterolone

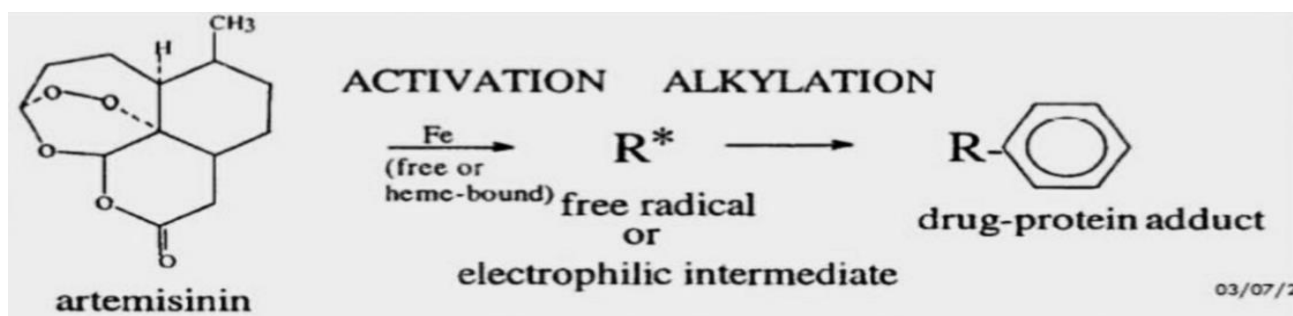
Mechanism of action

These compounds contains endoperoxide bridge.

Endoperoxide bridge interacts with heme in parasite.

Heme ion cleave this endoperoxide bridge.

There is generation of highly reactive free radicals which damage parasite membrane by covalently bonding to membrane proteins.



Conclusion :

There is ongoing research aiming at the identification of effective plant extracts to treat malaria.

There is an urgent need for the development of Novel drug to treat malaria.

Biological investigation into plants used traditionally for primary health care are on obvious way in which searching for new leading compounds should concentrate.

Malaria still continues to be a burden to mankind and now it is high time to control and eradicate this distrous disease.

The only hope for finding a lead compound is plants .there are many plants species which have been left unexplored with its ability to treat malaria.

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