



A Review on Anti- Cancer Activities of derivatives of Curcumin and Eugenol

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Abstract:

Active ingredients or active plants phytochemicals are chemicals that are obtained from the medicinal plants. Active ingredients are reported to be used as preliminary sources for drug discovery. Medicinal plants possess a variety of therapeutic and biological activities due to presences of active ingredients. Turmeric and Clove are significant medicinal plants. Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*) Contains Curcumin and Clove (*Syzygium aromaticum*) possess Eugenol as one of the significant active ingredients. Synthetic derivatives of Curcumin and Eugenol may be more therapeutic because of their diverse functional groups and structural complexities. This paper provides a comprehensive overview of the pivotal role of Synthetic derivatives of Curcumin and Eugenol as anticancer drugs.

Keywords

Active ingredients, (*Curcuma longa*), (*Syzygium aromaticum*) Curcumin, Eugenol, Synthetic derivatives, anticancer drugs

Introduction:

In India natural medicines¹ were prepared in the lives of people in the course of prevention and protection from various types of diseases from ancient times. Many diseases are treated with various parts of the medicinal plants. In India maximum societies have been reported to use natural medicines for the healing of diseases. Active ingredient or active plant phytochemicals are chemicals that are obtained from the medicinal plants. Natural, biologically active ingredients are used as preliminary sources for new drug discovery. The government also approves plant based medicines synthesized from active ingredients.

The phytochemical analysis is a scientific technique that reveals the ingredients in plants. Some plants have medicinally active ingredients and are known as medicinal plants. Medicinal plants have number of therapeutic and biological activities.

Isolated active principles have been used to synthesize the various derivatives by using different reactants and reaction conditions. Synthesized derivatives are more therapeutic because of their diverse functional groups and structural complexities.

Synthesized derivatives show different biological actions such antioxidant activity, anti microbial anti-inflammatory activity, anti-fungal activity and anti-cancer activity.

Cancer is abnormal cell division in body produced due to the damage in DNA of cell. This leads to a formation of mutant cell. The cell division and growth of such mutant cell results into formation of malignant or benign tumors. There are different carcinogens responsible for causes of cancers in human beings. The cancer increase rate of mortality worldwide. Cancer reduces the average human life span. Nowadays the cancer is becoming one of the deadliest diseases.

There are 36 different types of cancers viz cervix cancer, oral cancers, colorectal cancer, liver cancer, stomach cancer, lungs cancer, prostate cancer, blood cancer, Thyroid cancer breast cancer. Amongst these Cancers, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer and liver cancer cancers are mainly occurs in men while breast cancer, cervical cancer and thyroid cancer found in women.

In recent days there are different conventional techniques used for cancers treatments such as Radiation therapy chemotherapy or surgery. However all these technique have drawbacks because of medications toxicities and its side-effects. The present cancer therapies are costly and show enormous side effects on patients' health. The main objective of this study is to give an overview on the potential anti-cancer activities of Curcumin and Eugenol.

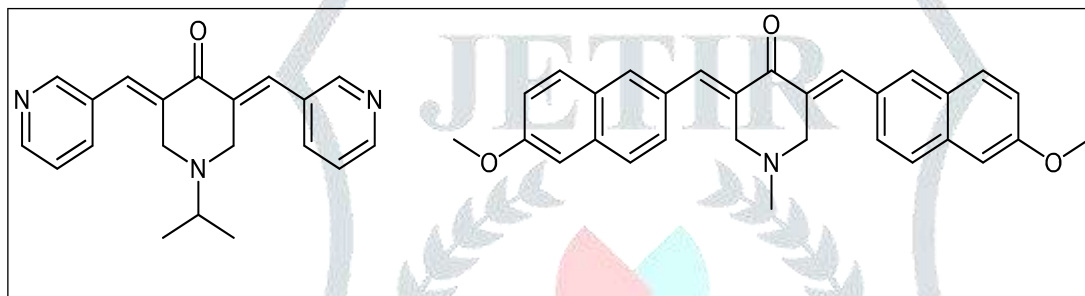
Curcumin

Among medicinal plant Curcumin is significant active ingredient isolated from rhizomes of *Curcuma longa L.* Curcumin²⁻⁵ also known as diferuloyl methane, is a symmetric molecule. Its IUPAC name is (1E, 6E) 1,7- bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,6-heptadiene-3,5-dione, with the chemical formula C₂₁H₂₀O₆, and the molecular weight of 368.38 g/mol

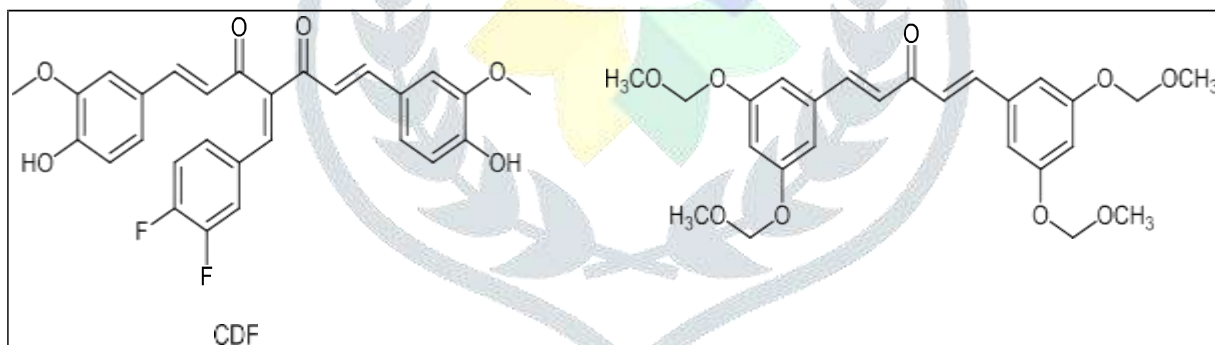
Several anti-cancer agents are from Curcumin and Eugenol have been synthesized. The researcher investigated the number of the different biological activities of synthetic derivatives prepared from active plant ingredients. These derivatives show diverse and prominent biological activities^{06,07}.

These derivatives have shown prominent anti-cancer activities^{08,09,10}. These derivatives are known as potent anti-cancer agents. The anti-cancer agent's demands are increasing day by day because different types of cancers are induced in people. People wanted to use safer and non-toxic anti-cancer medication across the globe.

The number of derivatives of Curcumin^{11,12,13}, have been reported to be safe, non-toxic, and effective against different diseases. Literature study also reveals that the number of derivatives of Curcumin have been reported as therapeutic agent used as Literature study reveals that the number of derivatives of Curcumin has the potential to inhibit the cancer mutagens in the organisms. Literature study also reveals that the no of derivatives of Curcumin was reported as the anti-cancer agents of different type of cancers^{14,15}



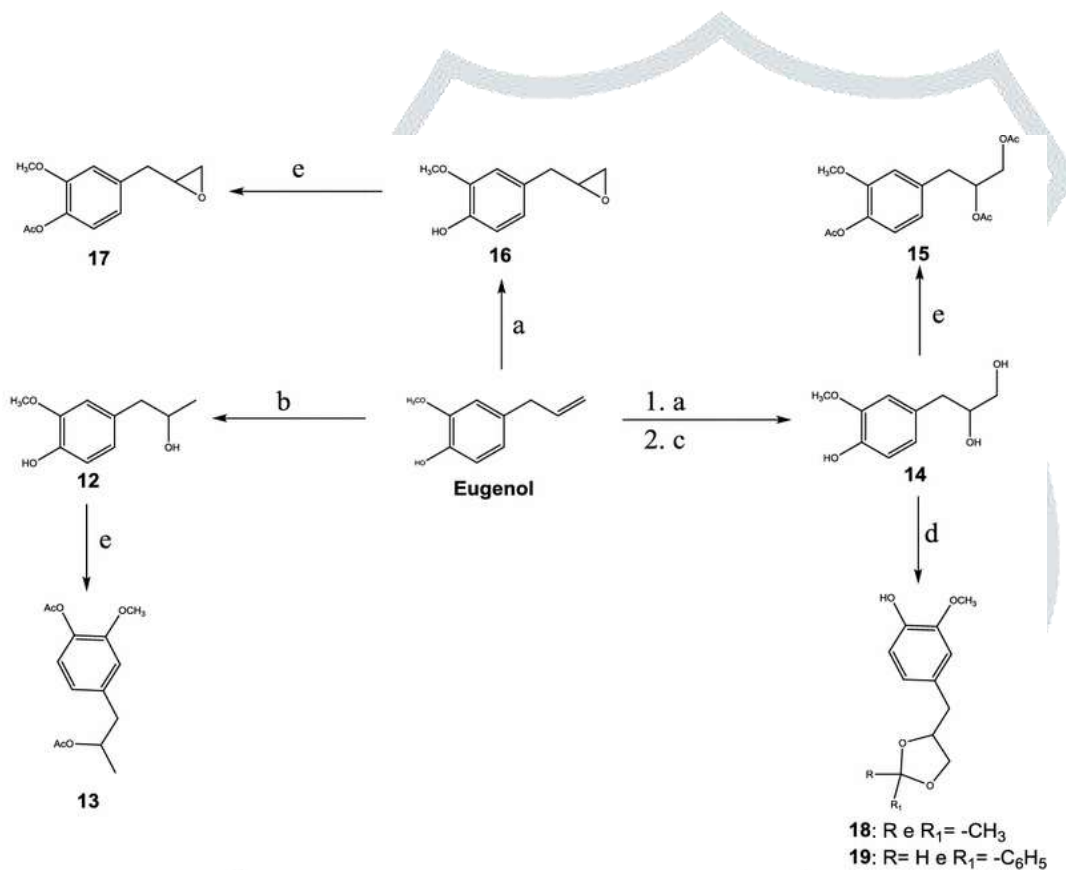
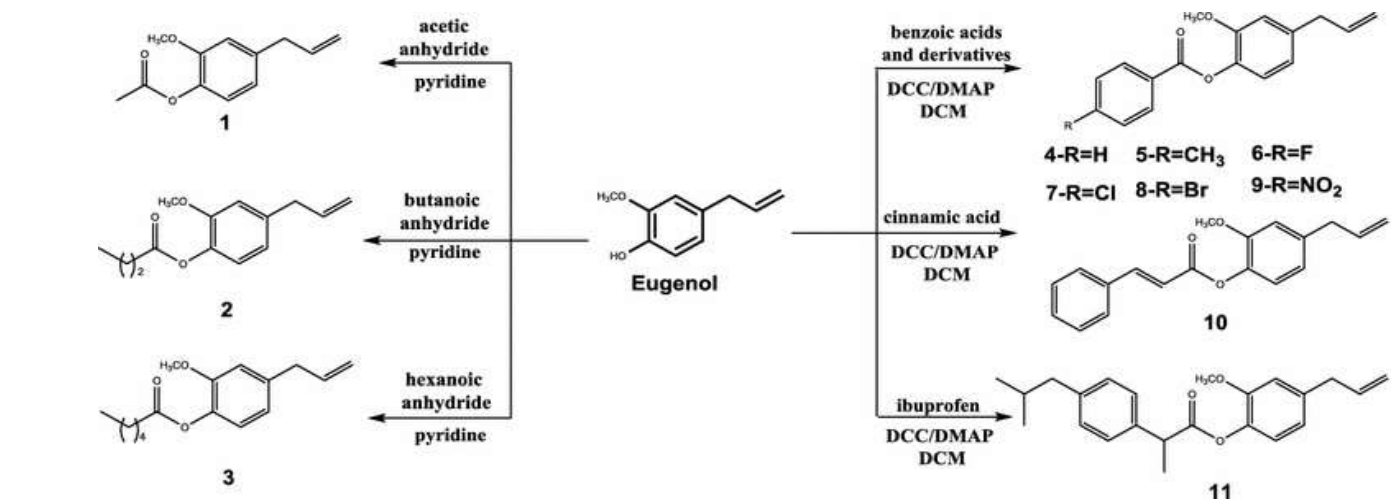
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Eugenol

Eugenol is significant active ingredient isolated from *Syzygium aromaticum*. Eugenol is volatile oil isolated from clove. The number of derivatives of Eugenol^{16,17,18} was the potential to inhibit the cancer mutagens in the organisms. Literature survey also reveals that several attempts have been made to develop potential anti-cancer agents, but many natural products have been found to possess anti-cancer activities and are yet to be explored, thereby exploring certain medicinal plants. Derivatives of Eugenol^{19,20,21} was reported as the anti-cancer agents



CONCLUSION

Derivatives of Curcumin and Eugenol possess significant pharmacological activities. Overall, this review concluded that Derivatives of Curcumin and Eugenol can be vital and prominent anti-cancer agents.

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