

In Silico Design Of Antimalarial Drug From *Catharanthus Roseus* (G. Don) Alkaloid Molecules against AMA1 Protein

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The emergence and spread of drug resistance in *Plasmodium falciparum*, the parasite causing the most severe form of malaria is a major threat to malaria control and elimination program around the globe. With *Plasmodium falciparum* having evolved widespread resistance against a number of previously widely used drugs, currently artemisinin and its derivatives are the cornerstones of first line treatment of uncomplicated malaria. Growing incidences failure reflects artemisinin resistance. Pharmacology approach in this study is being used against AMA1 protein which can be used as major target for drug due to its participation in erythrocytic infection stage. This protein is conserved in all plasmodium species. The AMA1-PLAF8 structure is modelled through homology modelling method and virtual screening against *Catharanthus roseus* fraction is carries out using Maetrso. Secologanin, Vindoline, tabersonine, Vincristine, Serpentine, Ajmalicine, Catharanthine and catechol were taken for screening. Secaloganin showed the best binding results with lowest binding energy (-7.815 Kcal/mol) and shortest bond length i.e. 1.80881?. This virtual screening investigation suggests that Secaloganin can be repurposed for malaria control and prevention.

Keywords: Apical Membrane Antigen 1 (AMA 1); Artemisinin resistance; Malaria; Molecular docking; XP Gscore.

Malaria keeps on causing unsuitably significant degrees of illness and demise, as archived in progressive versions of the World Malaria report. ¹ As indicated by the most recent report, there were an expected 627000 lives lost in malaria 2020. ² Malaria is preventable and treatable and the worldwide need is to lessen the weight of infection and demise while holding the drawn out vision of Malaria destruction.

The only malaria vaccine, RTS,S/AS01, initiates incomplete adequacy through enlistment of antibodies against the sequence (Asn-Ala-Asn-Pro) of the circumsporozoite protein (CSP). However, there are many antigenic determinants of *Plasmodium* against which either medications or antibodies are formed. ³ The different standards for antigen choice as well as medication definition are summed up in table.1.

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The current situation is confronting many difficulties in vector control and parasite disposal. One of the most significant challenges is drug obstruction in *Plasmodium*. While obstruction is regularly evaluated by drug adequacy concentrates on that uncover applicant point transformations, whose pervasiveness are checked. The genuine method of activity of obstruction is related with changes which are frequently less clear. Notwithstanding, a significant comprehension of the sub-atomic instrument hidden medication opposition can prompt the improvement of new synthetic mixtures that can re-establish drug productivity. Witnessing the need for antimalarial drug, there is need of virtual screening of some potential drug candidates to push them up for further trials.

Catharanthus roseus is an important medicinal plant of family Apocynaceae with 70 different types of alkaloids, steroids and chemotherapeutic agents which are effective as anticancerous, antimalarial and antimicrobial activity. Vinblastine and Vincristine are two important alkaloids that are being used widely to treat diabetes.²³ *Catharanthus roseus* (L.) G. Don contains terpenes and alkaloids which exhibits great pharmacological activities.²⁴ It has wide range of medicinal properties such as antioxidant,²⁵⁻²⁷ anticancer,²⁸ antidiabetic,²⁹ antimicrobial,³⁰ antiulcer,²³ hypertensive,^{24,31} wound healing,³¹ hypolipidemic²⁷ and memory enhancement.^{28,29} With virtual screening the objective is to explore antimalarial effect of various alkaloid fractions of the plant.

The potential drugs and their mechanism of action is summarized in table 2, however, the effect and targets of various drugs is summarized in table 3. There are no medications for sporozoite form; the causal prophylaxis drugs repress erythrocytic stage. The suppressive prophylaxis acting medications smother clinical infection beginning. Primaquine is the main medication which targets hypozoites of *P.vivax* and *P.ovale* as well as gametocytes of *Plasmodium*.

Following treatments are used to treat uncomplicated *P. falciparum* malaria (2015) Treating children and adults with uncomplicated *P. falciparum* malaria (except pregnant women

in their first trimester) with one of the following ACTs:

- artemether + lumefantrine
- artesunate + amodiaquine
- artesunate + mefloquine
- dihydroartemisinin + piperazine
- artesunate + sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP).

The current situation is confronting many difficulties in vector control and parasite elimination. One of the recent problems in malaria elimination is *Plasmodium* mutants. The mutation in Kelch protein resulted in resistance. To overcome such obstructions drug designing against target protein is been done to overcome future problem of resistance. As changes in the Kelch13 (PfK13) quality were distinguished as the vital sub-atomic markers and stayed to be key indicators of ART resistance. As far as drug delivery is concerned the most potential and safe target stage is invasion of Red Blood Cells. Regarding above fact and seeing the overview of *Plasmodium* infection in figure.1. Merozoite surface antigen 1,⁸ *Plasmodium falciparum* erythrocyte membrane protein 1,¹³ RIFIN,¹⁵ Apical Membrane Antigen 1 are the most effective targets. However, AMA1 protein is chosen in this work because of its transmembrane nature and many unrevealed characters.¹³

This paper covers in silico designated drug adequacy against AMA1 protein quality and its viability to be utilized as medication in future for Malaria treatment.

METHODOLOGY

The FASTA grouping of *P. falciparum* for AMA 1 was recovered from the UniProt data set (<https://www.uniprot.org/>). The comparing UniProt ID explicitly for the *P. falciparum* strain utilized for this study was AMA1_PLAF8. The Protein sequence and 3D structure of PfK13 was derived from Uniprot data set.

Protein Modelling

Protein modelled through Homology modelling method through Swiss Model. The maximum homology was 97% with searched templates, the modelled prepared by choosing best matching template and best model selected on basis of lowest RMSD value and DOPE score. The model

Table 1. Plasmodium exposed surface antigens are:

S.No.	Protein ID	Protein name	Protein function
1.	IPR010901	Merozoite Surface 1, C-terminal	C-terminal region of merozoite surface protein 1 which helps in invasion of Red Blood Cells. ⁴
2.	IPR010423	Ookinete Surface antigen, EGF domain	Pvs25 and Pvs28 antigenic proteins present on surface of Plasmodium. ⁵
3.	IPR032761	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> erythrocyte membrane protein 1, N terminal	Protein domain present on <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> infected erythrocytes to adhere host endothelial receptors. ⁶
4.	IPR003067	Plasmodium Circumsporozoite Protein	Surface antigen on surface of sporozoite of <i>Plasmodium</i> which is passes from mosquito vector to mammalian host. ⁷
5.	PF12319	Tryptophan- Threonine-rich plasmodium antigen C terminal	C terminal of the surface antigen present on <i>Plasmodium</i> . ⁸
6.	PF07462	Merozoite surface protein 1 (MSPI) C-terminus	Represent C terminal region of merozoite surface protein 1 which induces merozoite infection to Red Blood Cells. ⁹
7.	IPR029210	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> erythrocyte membrane protein-1, N terminal segment	Protein domain present on <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> infected erythrocytes to adhere host endothelial receptors. ¹⁰
8.	IPR006373	Variant surface antigen Rifin	RIFIN Expressed on free merozoites as well as on infected erythrocytes contributing to antigenic variation capacity of the parasite. ¹¹
9.	IPR010784	Merozoite surface protein type	Merozoite invasion to erythrocytes involves multiple interaction with Merozoite Surface Protein. ⁴
10.	PF15445	Acidic terminal segments, variant surface antigen of PfEMP1	These proteins help in evading host immune system by sticking to endothelial cells.
11.	PF06247	Pvs28 EGF domain	Group of ookinete surface protein and induces immune responses in body
12.	IPR006499	Reticulocyte binding protein	These are reticulocyte binding protein which express Duffy antigen
13.	PF03805	Cytoadherence linked asexual protein	Induces binding of Pf to host endothelial cells
14.	PF15448	N terminal segments of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> erythrocyte membrane protein	This is a transmembrane protein that shares domains with molecules expressed on infected erythrocytes
15.	PF07133	Merozoite surface protein (SPAM)	It is a platform for binding to human erythrocytes by <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>
16.	IPR003298	Apical membrane antigen 1	Expressed on invasive merozoite which are causative agent of malaria
17.	IPR026894	DNAJ containing protein, X domain	This domain is found in <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> ring infected erythrocyte surface antigen and is shown to bind to spectrin and stabilize tetramer. ¹²

18.	IPR024056	Apical membrane antigen 1 (AMA-1) domain superfamily	AMA-1 appears to be transported to the merozoite surface close to the time of schizont rupture. ¹³
19.	IPR005553	Cytoadherence Linked Asexual Protein (CLAP)	CLAP is found to be associated in binding of <i>P.falciparum</i> infected erythrocytes to host endothelial cells.
20.	IPR010884	6-Cysteine (6-Cys) domain	6-Cys domain is found in <i>Plasmodium</i> proteins that are expressed in all stages of parasite life in both vertebrate and mosquito hosts. ¹⁴
21.	PF02009	RIFIN (Repeated Interspersed families)	These are expressed on the surface of infected erythrocytes. ¹⁵
22.	PSS0095	PLAT (Polycystin-1, lipoxigenase and alpha toxin) domain profile	It is involved in protein-protein, protein-lipid interaction. In <i>P.falciparum</i> it is expressed on surface of gametocyte and interacts with mammalian triglyceride lipase. ¹⁶
23.	PSS0092	Thrombospondin type-1 (TSP1) repeat profile	It is present in circumsporozoite protein of Plasmodium. ¹⁷
24.	PF15447	N terminal segments of PfEMP1	It is variable part of the variant surface antigen family <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> and adhere to host endothelial receptors. ¹⁸
25.	IPR043226	Neural cytotoxicity triggering receptor 3	It stimulates NK cells cytotoxicity.
26.	IPR009484	Protein of unknown function DUF1103	This family function is unknown.
27.	IPR014886	La protein, xRRM domain	La protein motifs are generally involved in binding to UUU-3'OH sequence of various RNA Polymerase III where xRRM domain induces conformational changes. ¹⁹
28.	IPR034204	Subtilisin SUB1-like catalytic domain	It activates the merozoite surface protein allows it to bind to host erythrocyte membrane prior to egress. ²⁰
29.	PSS0234	VWFA domain profile	Von Willebrand Factor (VWF) is a large multimeric protein required for normal hemostasis. ²¹
30.	IPR036383	Thrombospondin type-1(TSP1) repeat superfamily	These are multimeric glycoprotein that function at cell surfaces and in extracellular matrix. ²²

structure was validated through Ramachandran plot.

Ligand Preparation

The small molecule library was built based on a wide range of experimental activity against *P. falciparum*. Molecular preparations such as the insertion of hydrogen bonds, 2D to 3D conversion, stereoisomers production, neutralisation of charged structures, or identification of most likely ionisation state at a user-defined pH, and the entire preparation were carried out using Maestro’s LigPrep application.³²

Protein preparation

Because the protein was simulated, the YASARA Energy Minimisation Server was used to perform an energy minimisation (Krieger et al. 2009)³³. This minimised protein was then used in the Protein Wizard tool for further processing. Using Maestro’s Glide application, the receptor grid with given grid coordinates of X = -20, Y =

-10, and Z = 0 was produced with a box size of 36 × 36 × 36 Å.³³

Molecular Docking

The produced ligand library was then docked with the protein grid using Glide’s XP (extra precision) docking function, yielding an XP Glide score as a consequence. To rank docking poses and determine protein–ligand binding affinities, the XP Glide scoring function is utilised. Using a “funnel-type” method, the Glide algorithm searches for the ligand’s position, orientation, and conformation in the enzyme’s active site.³⁴ Maestro’s Pose viewer & XP-visualizer software was used to analyse the output files.

Protein FASTA sequence

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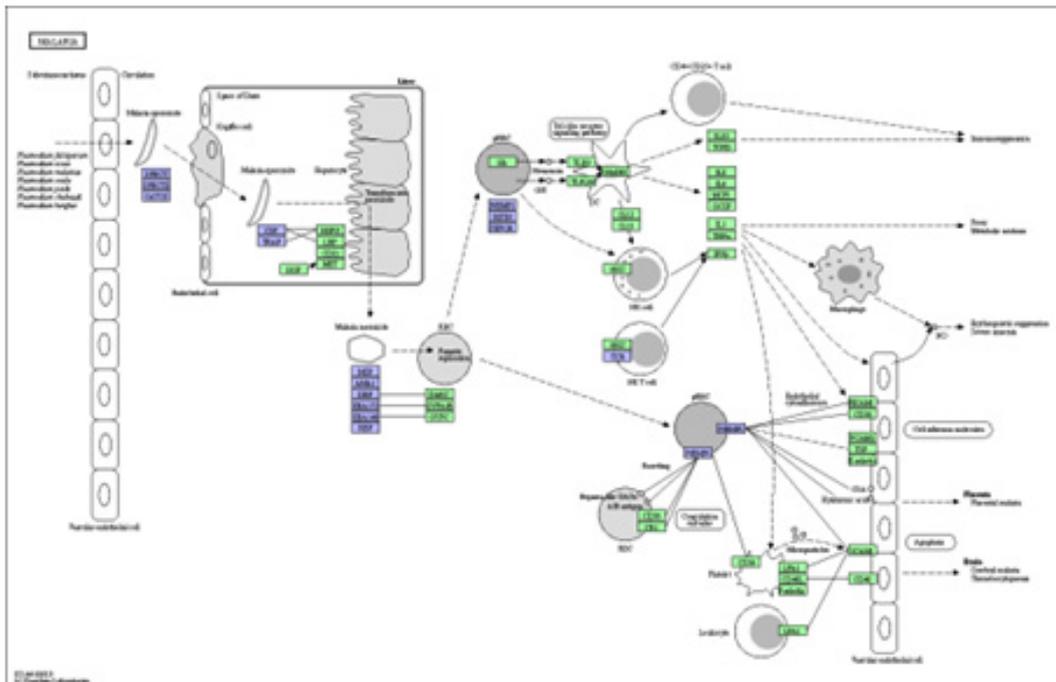


Fig. 1. Source: KEGG Malaria - Reference pathway - hsa pathogen

Table 2. Antimalarial drugs are classified on basis of its target

S. No.	Mode of action	Target Site	Primary Tissue forms	Type of drug
1.	Depending on stage of plasmodium it affects	Tissue Schizontocidal Blood Schizontocidal	Primary Tissue forms Latent Tissue Forms (Hyphozoites) Rapid action Slow action	a. Sulfadoxine + Pyrimethinin b. Proguanil c. Atovaquone d. Primaquine a. Primaquine b. Tafenoquine a. Chloroquine b. Artesinin derivative c. Quinine d. Mefloquine e. Atoquine f. Amodiaquine g. Lumefantrine a. Proguanil b. Pyrimethamine + Sulfadoxine c. Clirdomycin a. Artesinin b. Primaquine c. Chloroquine and Quinine No drugs for sporozoite from, these drugs will inhibit pre-erythrocytic stage a. Chloroquine b. Mefloquine c. Doxycycline a. Chloroquine b. Artesinin derivative c. Quinine d. Mefloquine e. Atoquine f. Amodiaquine g. Lumefantrine d. Proguanil e. Pyrimethamine + Sulfadoxine h. Clirdomycin a. Primaquine a. Primaquine
2	Depending on clinical indications	Causal prophylaxis Suppressive prophylaxis Clinical cure To prevent relapse Transmission to mosquitoes	Gametocidal	

SGIYVDMGGYEAIGGKHYRMPIGK NCPMSPIRDAIFGKWVSGACVALES
 CPVMGKVINLASGADFLEPISADNP AFEEFVNSAEECASILFENSATDIDVD
 RYRGLGFPETVLKHTGALAGALTGTANNA VDAEGYNEINELYSGLKNLQLKQIAFSLF
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 MKPYKSDLDAHLYYGSSRIDPKWDV VTTALSIKTLKCTKYVHISKYSESCGT

Table 3. Antimalarial drugs divided on basis of groups

S.no.	Group	Type of drug
1.	Quinoline derivative	a. Chloroquine b. Quinine c. Atroquine d. Primaquine e. Mefloquine f. Tefloquine
2.	Artemisinin	Artemisinin derivative a. Dihydroartemesinin b. Artemether c. Artesunate d. artether a. Arteolane
3.	Aryl alcohol derivative	Synthetic a. Lumefantrine
4.	Antifolates	a. Pyrimethamine b. Sulfadoxine c. Doprone d. Proguanil
5.	Antimicrobials	a. Tetracyclin b. Clindamycin

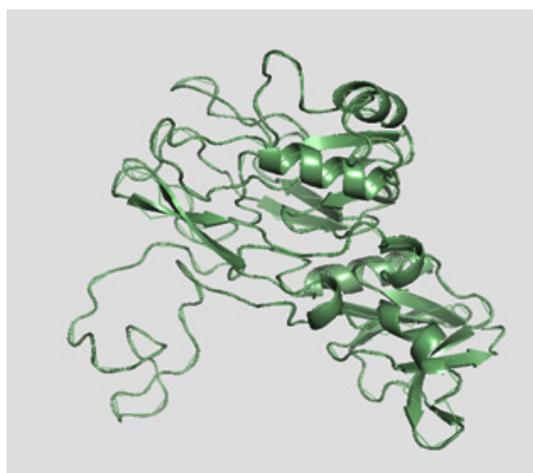
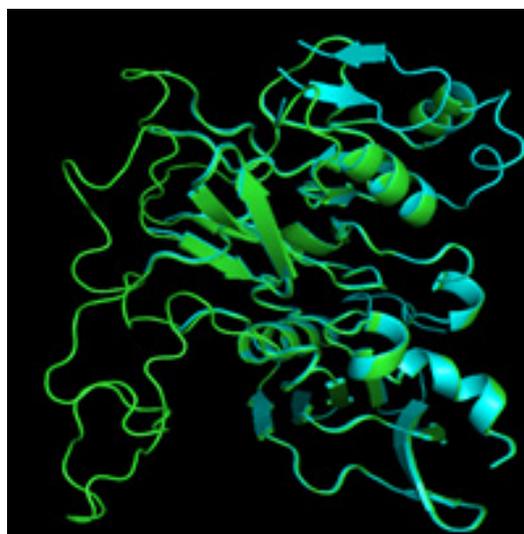
**Fig. 2.** Model prepared through modeller**Fig. 3.** Superimposing modelled structure with template 6n87

Table 4. XP Gscore and drug targets

S.no.	PDB	DRUG ID (PubChem)		XP GScore
1	Secologanin	ID:	CHEMBL1235867	-7.815
		Name:	SECOLOGANIN	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
		Molecular Formula:	C17H24O10	
		Molecular Weight:	388.37	
		ChEMBL Synonyms:	Secologanin	
2	Vindoline	Molecule Type:	Small molecule	-4.734
		ID:	CHEMBL526546	
		Name:	VINDOLINE	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
		Molecular Formula:	C25H32N2O6	
		Molecular Weight:	456.54	
3	Ajmalicine	ChEMBL Synonyms:	Vindoline	-6.23
		Molecule Type:	Small molecule	
		ID:	CHEMBL1604074	
		Name:	Ajmalicine	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
		Molecular Formula:	C21H24N2O3	
4	Serpentine	Molecular Weight:	352.43	-6.286
		Molecule Type:	Small molecule	
		ID:	CHEMBL3559488	
		Name:	Serpentine	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
		Molecular Formula:	C21H21N2O3+	
5	Catharanthine base	Molecular Weight:	349.41	-3.847
		Molecule Type:	Small molecule	
		ID:	CHEMBL2163793	
		Name:	CATHARANTHINE BASE	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
		Molecular Formula:	C21H24N2O2	
6	Vincristine	Molecular Weight:	336.44	-5.899
		ChEMBL Synonyms:	Catharanthine Base	
		Molecule Type:	Small molecule	
		ID:	CHEMBL90555	
		Name:	VINCRISTINE	
		Max Phase:	4 Approved	
7	Tabersonine	Molecular Formula:	C46H56N4O10	-4.99
		Molecular Weight:	824.97	
		ChEMBL Synonyms:	Vincristine VINCRISTINE	
		ID:	CHEMBL2011511	
		Name:	TABERSONINE	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
8	Catechol	Molecular Formula:	C21H24N2O2	-3.622
		Molecular Weight:	336.44	
		ChEMBL Synonyms:	Tabersonine	
		Molecule Type:	Small molecule	
		ID:	CHEMBL280998	
		Name:	CATECHOL	
		Max Phase:	0 Research	
		Molecular Formula:	C6H6O2	
		Molecular Weight:	110.11	
		ChEMBL Synonyms:	Pyrocatechol	

9	Artemisinin	Molecule Type:	Small molecule	-3.226
		ID:	CHEMBL567597	
		Name:	ARTEMISININ	
		Max Phase:	4 Approved	
		Molecular Formula:	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ O ₅	
		Molecular Weight:	282.34	
		ChEMBL Synonyms:	(+)-Artemisinin ARTEMISININ GNF-PF-5341 NSC-369397	
		Trade Names:	Artemisin	
		Molecule Type:	Small molecule	

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 TPVHLTKLN

RESULTS

Protein FASTA sequence downloaded from NCBI, BLASTp done with protein datasets. The maximum similarity was found to be 97% which suggests that homology modelling method can be used. Swiss Model software was used for searching best matched templates and best identical template was then used for preparing AMA1 model. 6n87 was found to be best match sequence and used as template for building model. Modeller was also used for building the model. Best model was selected among various models prepared on basis of DOPE score. The best model showed DOPE score -20753.71484 (Fig. 2). The modelled structure was validated by superimposing it with best match templates on basis of Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) which was found to be 1.65764 (Fig. 3). The structure was validated with Ramachandran plot, the plot statistics reveal that 82.6% of the residues of modelled structure were in favourable region and additional 15% were in allowed region. Only 0.7% of the residues were in disallowed region. More than 97% of the structure was in allowed regions which shows the modelled protein was good enough to carry out virtual screening. For virtual screening by using Glide's XP (extra precision) docking function. The results were analysed by Maestro's Pose viewer and XP-

visualize software. YAARA energy minimization server was used to perform energy minimization. *Catharanthus roseus* alkaloid fraction molecules were used as ligands against the modelled protein. Secaloganin showed Hydrogen bonding with chain A and chain B with Lysine 149 and Glutamine 147 (Fig.5 A). The shortest length H- bond is formed with Lysine 149 of Chain A of bond length 1.80881 Å. Serpentine showed two H-bond with Lysine 149 with varied bond lengths (Fig.5 B). Ajmalicine showing H-bond with Proline 218 and Lysine 149 of chain A, while one more H-bond is formed between Lysine 149 of chain B (Fig.5 C). Vincristine is a known anticancerous compound showing H-bond with Lysine 215 and Glutamine 147 of chain A and B (Fig. 5 D) respectively. Tabersonin showing hydrophilic interactions with Leucine 187, Phenylalanine 196, proline 190 of chain B and proline 220, proline 218 and glutamine 148 of chain A (Fig. 5 E). Vindoline showing H-bond with Lysine 149 and Glutamine 147 of chain B (Fig. 5 F). Catharanthine showing H-bond with Leucine 221 (Fig 5 G). Catechol forming H-bond with Lysine 149 of chain a and Glutamine 147 of chain B (Fig. 5 H). Artemisinin which is known drug of malaria shows one H- bond with Lysine 149 of chain A (Fig. 5 I).

DISCUSSION

In this study alkaloid fraction of *Catharanthus roseus* were taken for docking against AMA protein. An extensive survey of literature related to *Catharanthus roseus* was conducted up to January,2022. *Catharanthus*

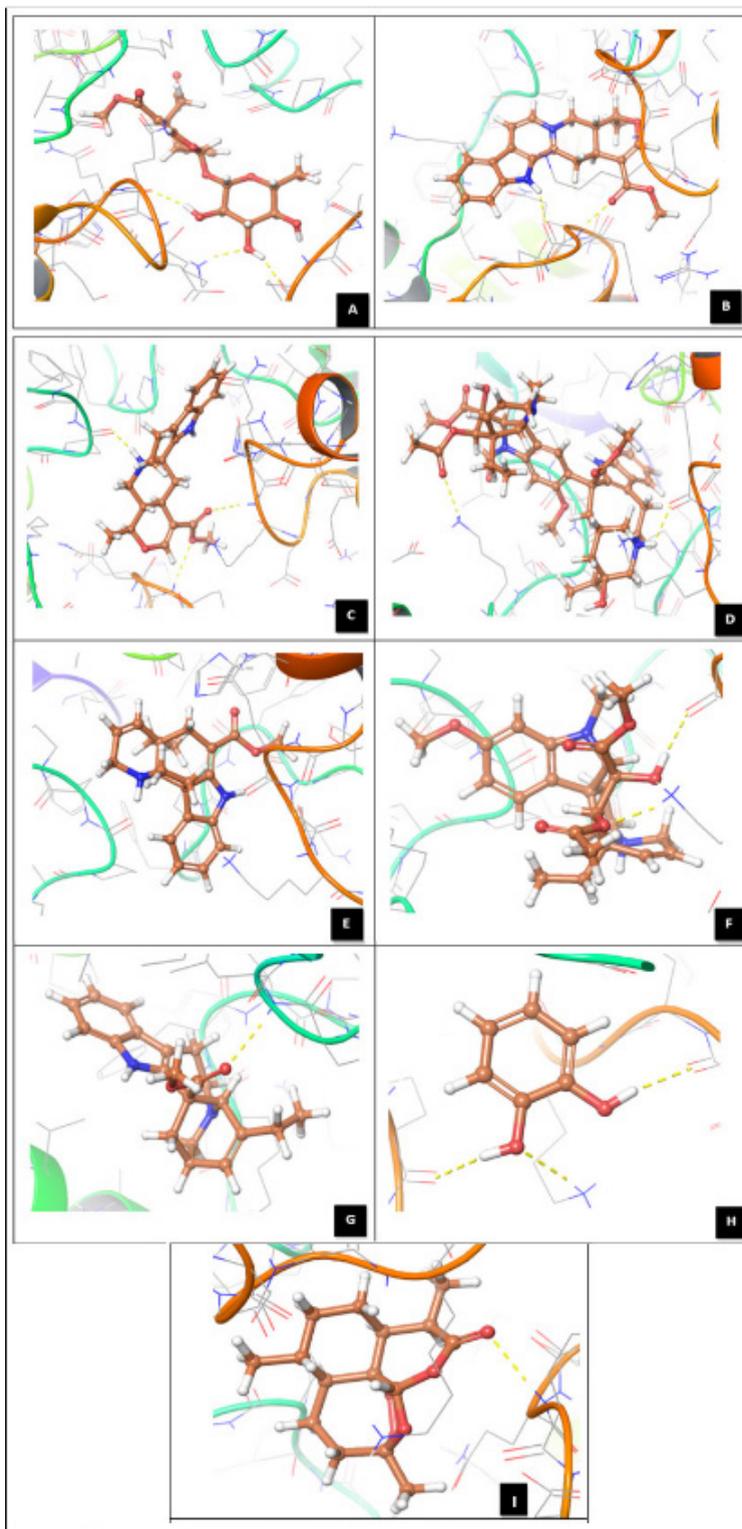
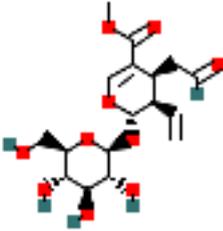
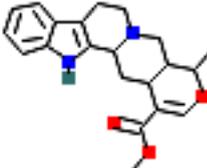
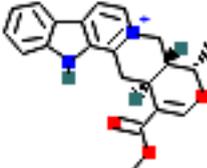
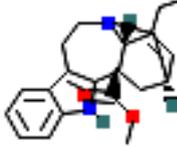
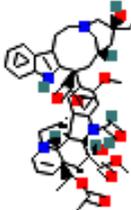
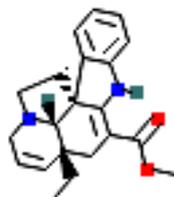


Fig. 4. Showing docking pose of A. Secologanin, B. Serpentine, C. Ajmalicine, D. Vincristine, E. Tabersonine, F. Vindoline, G. Catharanthine, H. Catechol, I. Artemisinin

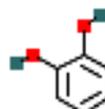
Table 5. Structures of all compounds taken from PubChem

S.No.	Compound	Structure
1.	Secologanin	 The chemical structure of Secologanin is a complex polycyclic alkaloid. It features a central bicyclic core with a decalin-like system. Attached to this core are several side chains, including a long-chain aliphatic group with a terminal methyl group, a chain with a terminal methyl group, and a chain with a terminal methyl group. The structure is highly substituted with various functional groups, including hydroxyl groups and methyl groups.
2.	Vindoline	 The chemical structure of Vindoline is a complex polycyclic alkaloid. It features a central bicyclic core with a decalin-like system. Attached to this core are several side chains, including a long-chain aliphatic group with a terminal methyl group, a chain with a terminal methyl group, and a chain with a terminal methyl group. The structure is highly substituted with various functional groups, including hydroxyl groups and methyl groups.
3.	Ajmalicine	 The chemical structure of Ajmalicine is a complex polycyclic alkaloid. It features a central bicyclic core with a decalin-like system. Attached to this core are several side chains, including a long-chain aliphatic group with a terminal methyl group, a chain with a terminal methyl group, and a chain with a terminal methyl group. The structure is highly substituted with various functional groups, including hydroxyl groups and methyl groups.
4.	Serpentine	 The chemical structure of Serpentine is a complex polycyclic alkaloid. It features a central bicyclic core with a decalin-like system. Attached to this core are several side chains, including a long-chain aliphatic group with a terminal methyl group, a chain with a terminal methyl group, and a chain with a terminal methyl group. The structure is highly substituted with various functional groups, including hydroxyl groups and methyl groups.
5.	Catharanthine	 The chemical structure of Catharanthine is a complex polycyclic alkaloid. It features a central bicyclic core with a decalin-like system. Attached to this core are several side chains, including a long-chain aliphatic group with a terminal methyl group, a chain with a terminal methyl group, and a chain with a terminal methyl group. The structure is highly substituted with various functional groups, including hydroxyl groups and methyl groups.
6.	Vincristine	 The chemical structure of Vincristine is a complex polycyclic alkaloid. It features a central bicyclic core with a decalin-like system. Attached to this core are several side chains, including a long-chain aliphatic group with a terminal methyl group, a chain with a terminal methyl group, and a chain with a terminal methyl group. The structure is highly substituted with various functional groups, including hydroxyl groups and methyl groups.

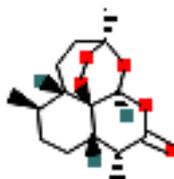
7. Tabersonine



8. Catechol



9. Artemisinin



roseus has been of prime importance in the traditional medicine systems and has wide therapeutic applications for many centuries. During phytochemical investigation total of 344 compounds including monoterpene indole alkaloids, bisindole alkaloids, flavonoids, phenolic acids and volatile were found active against many diseases in *Catharanthus roseus*.³⁵ AMA is a surface protein which is crucial for erythrocyte invasion of parasite, the AMA 1_PLAF8 structure is not revealed yet so protein modelling done through Swiss Model and structure validated by superimposing modelled protein with available templates. *Catharanthus roseus* is revealed for many therapeutic values but anti-malarial molecule is under investigation.³⁶ *Catharanthus roseus* leaf and flower extract is proved to inhibit parasite 66% Megha et al, 2017. However, when pharmacology of *Catharanthus roseus* leaves and flowers was done, majority of alkaloids fractions were revealed. The major molecules present in *Catharanthus roseus* leaf and flower extract are Secologanin, Vindoline, tabersonine, Vincristine, Serpentine, Ajmalicine, Catharanthine

³⁷ and a little fraction of catechol is been observed which is phenolflavonoid. Virtual screening is been done through Maestro and protein was simulated by YASARA energy minimization software. In virtual screening the best XP Gscore is shown by Secaloganine i.e. -7.815 Kcal/ mol while that of artemisinin is -3.226 Kcal/mol which is a known drug. Artemisinin are derived from extracts of weat wormwood and are well established for the treatment of malaria, including highly drug resistant strains. Its efficacy also extends to phylogenetically unrelated parasitic infections such as schistosomiasis. In modelled protein Lysine 149 in chain A is participating in Hydrogen bond formation with secaloganin, Serpentine, Ajmalicine. Vincristine, Catechol and atremisinine. Chain Glutamine 147 is participating in hydrogen bond formation with Secaloganine, Vincristine, Vindoline and catechol. Chain A proline 218 is participating in Hydrogen bond formation with Ajmalicine. The shortest Hydrogen bond if formed between Ajmalicine and proline 218 (1.8492 Å), Chain A lysine 149 and Serpentine (1.82641 Å) and Secaloganin and ChainA Lysine 149 (1.80881 Å).

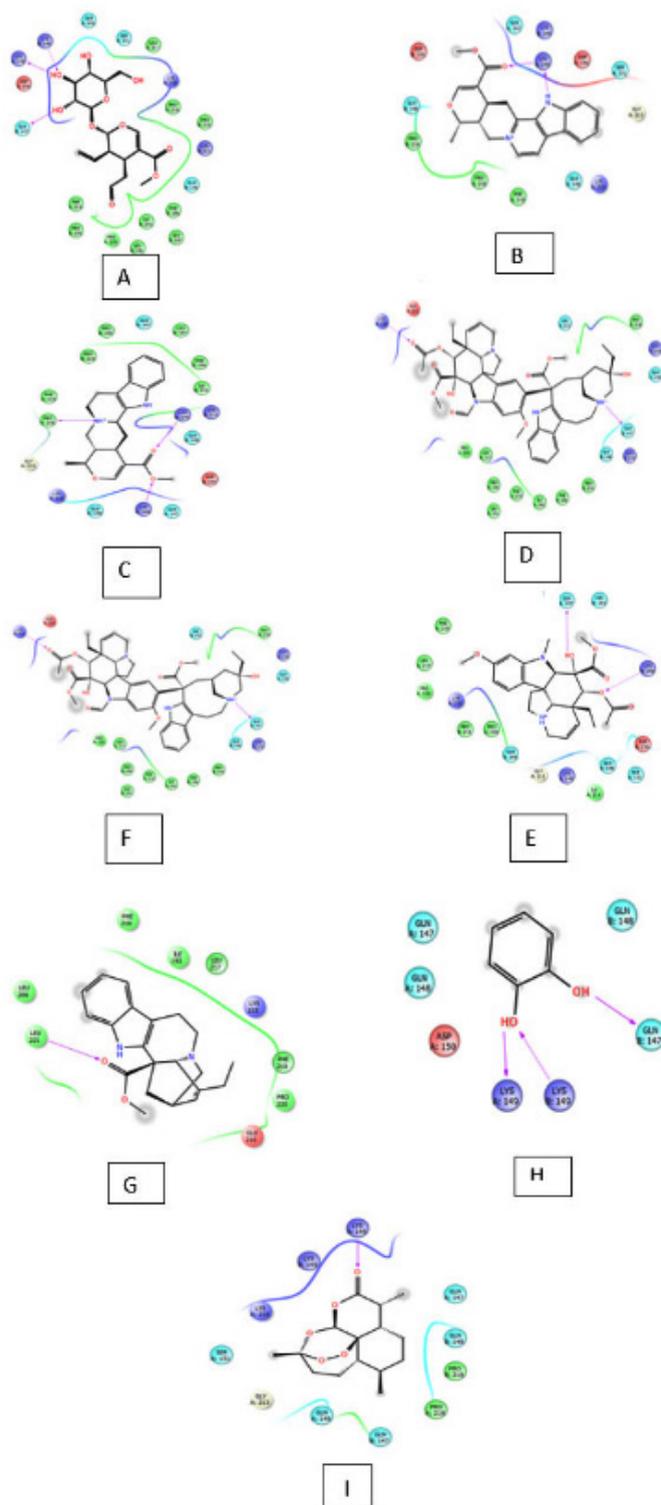


Fig. 5. Showing protein ligand binding of A. Secologanin , B. Serpentine, C. Ajmalicine, D. Vincristine ,E. Tabersonine , F.Vindoline G. Catharanthine, H. Catechol ,I. Artemisinine

Table 6. Details of the ligand protein interactions and participating amino acids

S. No.	Name of Compound	Participating residues	Bond length(ú)	Backbone/Sidechain	Donor angle	Acceptor angle	Binding energy (Kcal/mol)
1.	Secaloganin	Chain A: LYS 149 Chain B: LYS 149 Chain B :GLN 147	1.80881 1.7705 2.00271	Backbone Sidechain Backbone	162.125 129.785 178.615	159.578 150.832	-7.815
2.	Serpentine	Chain A: LYS 149 Chain A: LYS 149	1.82641 2.02224	Backbone Backbone	171.464 148.236		-6.286
3.	Ajmalicine	Chain A: PRO 218 Chain A: LYS 149 Chain B:LYS 149	1.8432 2.38055 2.12241	Backbone Backbone Backbone	131.325 109.751 145.232	162.126	-6.230
4.	Vincristine	Chain A: LYS 149 Chain A: LYS 149	2.16061 2.36326	Sidechain Backbone	168.287 141.045	123.219	-5.899
5.	Vindoline	Chain B : GLN147 In chain B: LYS 149	2.03706 1.911687	Backbone Sidechain	142.347 124.405	173.627	-4.734
6.	Tabersonine						-4.99
7.	Catharanthine base	LEU 221	2.09897	Backbone	153.093		-3.847
8.	Catechol	Chain A :LYS 149 Chain A :LYS 149 Chain B :GLN 147 Chain A :LYS 149	2.003264 2.02838 2.02045 2.0194	Backbone Backbone Sidechain Backbone	158.85 119.466 151.825 108.321	149.116	-3.662
9.	Artemisinin						-3.226

Tabersonine is making Hydrophilic interactions with the protein's Proline 190, Lutamine 147 pocket. Tabersonine is a monoterpene indole alkaloid with cytotoxic activity. It has a role as an antineoplastic agent and a metabolite.

CONCLUSION

The above data reveal that Secaloganine can be further taken explored as a drug molecule for antimalarial drug formulation, and cheminformatics techniques can be used to future investigate the most stable form of the molecule in the future.

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