

**Understanding the Role of Herbal Plants and Their Secondary Metabolites  
Associated With Drugs Induced Genotoxicity"  
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**Abstract:**

The modern person cannot do admiring to his health in this age of modernization. He is being enmeshed in a muck of ailments as a result of his way of life. The unique plants that can be used to maintain health were known to our ancestors. However, allopath develops with time. People became interested in allopath because the results were immediately apparent, but there were also several negative effects that occasionally surfaced. Sometimes these adverse effects were so bad that people began tightening new illnesses. Cancer is a fatal illness that affects people worldwide. Cancer has been around for a very long time. As result of this, there are numerous additional problems like (organ toxicity) kidney, liver toxicity etc. The anticancer medicine has an influence on the cell cycle, which affects both normal and cancer cells' genes. As a result, the patient's gene structure begins to deteriorate, normal dividing cells experience genotoxicity, and more mutagenesis occurs. Nevertheless, the anticancer drug can be used to treat the disease. Numerous studies are being conducted constantly to eliminate this genotoxicity. In this examination, we'll explore the similarities that are largely present in all of those herbal plants and extracted substances effect on the genotoxicity caused due to any reason.

**Keyword:** Cancer, Genotoxicity, Organ toxicity

**Introduction**

India is a country rich in culture and endowed with many traditional remedies that were passed down from ancestors. During ancestor time they were blessed with the god gift or herbal knowledge. Ayurveda is the conventional treatments that are used today but allopathic treatment hamper its image. Allopathic treatment is useful in fast relief but with time the list of side-affect also seen in patients. Some side effect are irreversible and it harm brutally and create other

problem that should resolved on time otherwise it may develop different type of disorder and as a result, we have more fatal diseases like cancer, asthma, and others side effect like organ toxicity (nephrotoxicity, hepatotoxicity, cardio toxicity), genotoxicity etc.

It is anticipated that conditions will be worse than they are now, 29.5 million new cases of the disease will be reported per year. [1]

In 2020, GLOBOCAN will examine cancer cases and deaths that are associated to them. Statistics said that 19.3 million new cases of cancer and 10.0 million of death. [2] Many other techniques are being studied for the treatment of cancer, such as the (CAR) T cell therapy [3]. Cancer is a disease requires long-term treatment, which causes organ toxicities as well as genotoxicity and sometime secondary cancer [4]. Genotoxicity are the elements that formed genetic knockout that cause mutation and all those substances that are capable of damaging and interacting to the genome are called as genotoxin [5] Mutations in somatic cells may cause cancer, while mutations in germ cells may be passed on to offspring. Mutations in somatic cells may cause cancer, while mutations in germ cells may be passed on to offspring. Mutations in somatic cells may cause cancer, while mutations in germ cells may be passed on to offspring [5]

1. Genotoxicity is caused like environmental toxin substance arsenic that caused chromosomal aberration and micronucleus formation after regular or long exposure [6]
2. Streptonigrin is anticarcenogin in nature and it work on the DNA, RNA of cancerous cell like mitomycin C, porfiromycin, all showing genotoxicity [7]
3. Carbon black nanoparticle also showed genotoxicity [8]
4. Food habits also causes genotoxicity like fried meat[9]
5. Additive also showed genotoxicity like titanium dioxide is used to prepared different formulation [10]
6. Molybdenum, lithium, and tungsten all are produced pulmonary toxicity and then genotoxicity [11]
7. 1,2-Dichloroethane EDC is generally present in all environmental condition and it produced genotoxicity [12]
8. Nitrogen oxides is present in pollution and it is genotoxic [13]
9. Some of antihypertensive agents caused genotoxicity [14]
10. Industrial wastage caused genotoxicity [15]
11. Psychotropic drugs can caused the genotoxicity [16]
12. Chromium (III),(IV)both showed genotoxicity [17]
13. Cadmium (Cd) is one of compound of pollutant air can also produce genotoxicity [18]

Several indirect mechanism is also responsible to create genotoxicity in cell like ROS production, disturbing of lipid peroxidase, superoxidase and indirect disturbing of oxidative stress inside the cell is also responsible indirectly of cellular genetic material damage[19]. Many flavoring agents also have genotoxic in nature [20].Many potent agents will causes genotoxicity but many repair mechanism [21]

Anthracyclines anticancer medications repeatedly produced side effects like myelosuppression, neutropenia, cardiomyopathy, nausea, and the stimulation of secondary tumors. Anthracyclines can undergo one-electron reduction and structure formed semi quinone which formed free hydroxyl that harm the lipid membrane and DNA strand and break into pieces and caused DNA abberation. [22]

**Plant bioassays** are well known used system help to screening and observing chemical moiety with mutagenic and carcinogenic in nature. Plant bioassay determine the chromosomal damage, exchange of sister chromatid exchange, DNA strand breakage. Plant in vitro culture evaluation of genotoxic compound is determine with the help of root of different sensitive plant like *allium cepa* assay *vicia faba*, and *crepis capillaries* [23]

Several other method identify the genotoxicity and mutagenic compound like RAPD (random amplified polymorphic DNA), AP-PCR(arbitrarily primed polymerase chain reaction) and DAF (DNA amplification fingerprinting), all method are observed genetic mapping. [24]. Insect used to determine genotoxicity is *Drosophila melanogaster* [25].

**Flash-comet assay:** Single cell gel electrophoresis it take lesser time and reduced the risk of laboratory indirectly induced DNA hydrolysis in the alkaline medium[26]. Yeast cell growth for genotoxic study [27]

**Comet assay:** Modified forms of the ordinary protocol identify oxidized DNA bases and can be used to expose positions of DNA base damage. Different methods like chromosomal aberration assay, micronucleus assay both in blood and sperm cells [28], [29]

**Micronuclei (MN):** Measured number of condensed fragments of acentric chromosome or whole chromosome. Micronucleus formation frequency index is a parameter to identify the genotoxic nature of any compound *in vivo*[30]

## **Table 1**

### **Basic mechanism of genotoxicity due to anticancer drug**

Doxorubicin is DNA intercalated of cancerous cell as well as normal cell. Doxorubicin caused cellular membrane damage after formation of hydroxyl radical and superoxide ions [41]

Cyclophosphamide and cisplatinits metabolite induces oxidative stress which leads to DNA damage of normal cells and toxicities to various target organs and it active the ROS and NO production which ultimately damages the lipids, proteins and DNA inside the cell [42][43]

### **TABLE 2 ,TABLE 3 ,TABLE 4**

### **Conclusion**

As per above review many publication, researcher and investigation directly and indirectly indicated the role of plants and their secondary metabolites. Every plants have many chemical constitutes and have large list of pharmacological benefits with limited or no side effect. Our todays lifestyle is ruined with the time and many fatal diseases come into by these loopholes and person suffer with many diseases at very lower age many fatal diseases like cancer need proper treatment and its treatment is long termed and due to its long term medication destroyed their body

with different other diseases like hepatotoxicity, nephrotoxicity, sometime genotoxicity and it also caused secondary cancer due to genotoxicity. Today review is based on that categories in which herbal plant and their isolated compound are worked the genotoxicity and their other problem.

**Table 1 List of plant that is genotoxic in nature**

S.no	Plant	Part used	Extract	Method	
1	<i>Antidesma venosum</i>	Whole plant	Dichloromethane, 90% methanol	Ames test, Vitotox ® test, Comet, MN	[31]
2	<i>Salix alba</i>	Bark		Comet assay	[32]
3	<i>Bauhinia platypetala extract</i>	Leaves	Ethanol	Comet assay	[33]
4	<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i>				[34]
5	<i>Pterolobium stellatum</i> <i>Ostostegia integrifolia</i> <i>Vernonia amygdalina</i>	Root	Chloroform, 80%methanol	Comet assay	[35]
6	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>			Mussel MN	[36]
7	<i>Teucrium arduini L.</i> <i>Teucrium flavum L</i>		Methanol	Comet assay	[37]
8	<i>Achyrocline satureoides</i> <i>Iodina rhombifolia</i> <i>Desmodium incanum</i>		Aqueous	Ames test	[38]
9	<i>Nepeta meyeri</i> (catmint)	Aerial parts	Oil extract		[39]
10	<i>Hypericum adenotrichum</i>		Methanol	MN, comet assays.	[40]

**TABLE 2 List of anticancer drug that produced genotoxicity**

s.no	Name Of Drug	
1	Cis-tetraammine(oxalato)ruthenium(III) dithionate	[44]
2	Cyclophosphamide and 5-Fluorouracil	[45]
3	Cisplatin	[46]
4	Cyclophosphamide	[47]
5	Fluorinated trifluoromethyl 4-thiazolidinone	[48]
6	Oxaliplatin	[49]
7	Methotrexate	[50]
8	Bendamustine	[51]
9	Imatinib mesylate	[52]
10	Mitomycin C	[53]

**TABLE 3 List of plant that reduced the risk of genotoxicity**

s.no	Plant name	Part of plant	Extract used	Method used to identified genotoxicity	References
1	<i>Roylea cinerea</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	Allium cepa	[54]
2	<i>Ranunculus acris</i> (Buttercup family)	Flower	Aqueous	Allium cepa	[55]
3	<i>Moringa peregrine</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	CA, MN	[56]
4	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Leaves	Methanol	CA, MN	[57]
5	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Leaves		CA, MN	[58]
6	<i>Myrciaria jaboticaba</i>	Seed		CA	[59]
7	<i>Rhus verniciflua stokes</i>	Fruit Extract			[60]
8	<i>Myrciaria dubia</i> (camu-camu)	Fruit juice		Comet assay	[61]
9	<i>Circuma longa</i>	Rhizomes		CA, MN	[62]
10	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Plant material	Methanol	CA	[63]
11	<i>Psathyrella candolleana</i> and <i>agaricus bisporus</i>	Fruit bodies	Aqueous	CA ,MN and comet assays	[64]
12	<i>Artemisia judaica</i> ("Shih kharasani)	Leaves	70% ethanol	MN, comet assay	[65]
13	<i>Rubus niveus</i>	Aerial parts		MN, comet assay	[66]
14	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	All part	Methanol	CA	[67]
15	<i>Nigella sativa</i>	Seeds	Aqueous-ethanol	MN	[68]
16	<i>Cactus cladode</i>	Whole plant part	Juice	CA, SOS Chromotest	[69]
17	<i>Garlic extract</i>	Bulbs	Ethanol	CA in germ cells	[70]

18	<i>Hemidesmus indicus</i>	Root	Ethanol	Sister chromatid exchanges, CA and MN	[71]
19	<i>Helicteres isora</i>	Fruits	Pet ether, methanol	CA and MN	[72]
20	<i>Phyllanthus maderaspatensis.</i>	Whole plant	Ethanol	MN.	[73]
21	<i>Sea-buckthorn</i>	Juice		MN	[74]
22	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	Dried fruits	Aqueous	Cytokinesis-block micronucleus (CBMN) assay	[75]
23	<i>Myristica fragrans</i>		Aqueous	Allium cepa assay	[76]
24	<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>	Root	Juice	CA	[77]
25	<i>Coleus aromaticus</i>		Ethanol	CA, MN	[78]
26	<i>Terminalia chebula</i>	Fruit dried	50% Methanol	CA, MN	[79]
27	<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (Pigeon pea)	Seed	Flavonoid portion	CA, Comet assay	[80]
28	<i>Grape seed</i>	Seed	Oil extract	CA	[81], [96]
29	<i>Coccinia indica</i>	Leaves	Petroleum ether, 70% methanol	CA, MN	[82]
30	<i>Haberlea rhodopensis</i>	Leaves	70% ethyl alcohol,	CA	[83]
31	<i>Equisetum arvense</i> (horsetail)	Aerial part	Ethanol	CA	[84]
32	<i>Persea americana</i> Mill(avocado)	Fresh fruits	50% methanol	CA	[85]
33	Turmeric	Rhizomes		CA	[86]
34	<i>Salacia oblonga</i>	Root-bark	Methanol	CA	[87]
35	<i>Viscum album</i>	All part	Methanol	CA	[88]
36	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Fruit	Aqueous	CA	[89]
37	<i>Egyptian sweet marjoram</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	CA	[90]
38	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>	Leaves	Nanoparticles	CA	[91]
39	<i>Lepidium sativum</i>	Leaves	Methanolic	CA	[92]
40	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Seed	Oil	CA,MN	[93]
41	<i>Solanum lycocarpum</i>	Whole plant	Hydro alcoholic	CA,MN	[94]

42	<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	Whole plant	Aqueous	CA, Comet assay	[95]
43	<i>Baccharis dracunculifolia</i>	Leaves	Ethyl acetate	CA	[97]
44	<i>Cassia occidentalis</i>		Aqueous	CA	[98]
45	<i>Allium tuncelianum</i>	Buds	Ethanol	CA	[99]
46	<i>Roylea cinerea</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	Allium cepa assay	[100]
47	<i>Parquetina nigrescens</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	Allium cepa assay	[101]
48	<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Leaves	Aqueous	CA	[102]
49	<i>Pomegranate peel</i>	Peel	Ethanol/water	CA, MN	[103]
50	<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Bark	50 % methanol	CA, MN	[104]
51	<i>Origanum majorana</i>	Leaves		Vicia faba assay	[105]
52	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>		Oil	MN, CA, comet assay	[106]

TABLE 4 List of isolated herbal compound reduced the risk of genotoxicity

s.no	Chemical constituents	Pharmacological activities	Assay	References
1	Nordihydroguaiaretic acid	Diabetes	MN, CA	[107]
2	Lycopene	Antioxidant	MN, CA	[108]
3	Curcumin	Antioxidant	CA	[109]
4	Vitamin C	Antioxidant	CA	[109]
5	Caffeic acid phenethyl ester	Antioxidant	CA	[110]
6	Bixin		CA	[111]
7	olive and canola oils		CA	[112]
8	Pycnogenol	Anti-inflammatory	CA	[113]
9	Quercetin	Anti-tumor	CA, MN	[114]
10	Resveratrol	Anti-apoptotic		[115].
11	Rutin	Anticancer	CA, MN	[116]
12	Zerumbone	Anti-inflammation	CA	[117]
13	Genistein	Antioxidant	CA	[118]
14	Gallic acid	Immunomodulatory	MN	[119]
15	Lutein	Antioxidant	CA	[120]

16	Glycyrrhizic acid		MN	[121]
17	<i>Pinus eldarica</i>		Comet assay,MN	[122]
18	Herniarin		MN	[123]
19	Piperine		CA	[124]

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