

## REVIEW ARTICLE

# An updated review on pharmacognostical characteristics and pharmacological activities of *Artemisia annua*

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### ABSTRACT

The essential oils present in medicinal or aromatic plant, have a varied range of medicinal properties because of they contain the range of active constituents, having the various pharmacological action. Plant *Artemisia annua* (*A. annua*) belongs the widest *annua* Asteraceae family, has the large number of therapeutic utility in human ailments, such as antioxidant antimicrobial and insecticidal study have been carried out for the different species of the *A. annua*. On the subject of insecticidal and antimicrobial properties we have concluded here the potency of essential oils adjacent to the insect and microbes, while, only some species have been investigated for the antioxidant activity.

**KEYWORDS:** *Artemisia*, chemical composition, essential oil, insecticidal, antimicrobial, antioxidant.

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### INTRODUCTION

Medicinal and aromatic plants are the significant resources of the secondary metabolites, having the large range of utility towards in the direction of to control of plant and human diseases, pharmaceutical industry as well as in cosmetics preparations [1]. Inside the kingdom plante, family Asteraceae is gifted from the plants which are fully loaded from the property of essential oil-yielding plants. Among these kinds of plants, the *A. annua* got the top place due to its biological characteristics. *A. annua* having the small shrubs and herbs, occurred in northern temperate areas and contain approx 500 species from North America, European countries and South Asia[2]. *A. annua*'s species are commonly known as Annual wormwood, sweet wormwood, sweet annine and sweet sagewort. Due to the availability of sesquiterpene lactones and terpenoids, the majority of species have bitter tastes and intense aromas, which may depress the herbivores and had the specific benefits [3]. The *A. annua* species have large and diverse applications to control the human as well as plant disease. It is also utilized in the pharmaceutical industry. *A. annua* is renowned therapeutic plant for its antimalarial property due to availability of its active constituents artemisinin (also known as Qinghaosu), which is sesquiterpene lactone (a cadinane-type) contain the endoperoxide bridge. Presently it is the most efficacious and potent compound alongside chloroquine, for Plasmodium falciparum (that cause the cerebral malaria) and other malaria-causing parasites [4]. Alongside antimalarial effects, *A. annua* has also other biological actions such as anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitory effect and antitumor activity [5].

### PLANT DESCRIPTION

*A. annua* is the yearly herb inhabitant to Asia, mainly in China. Naturally, it is found as the vegetation's component in the northern areas of Suiyuan and Chahar areas in China, at 1000 to 1500 m above from the sea level; recently it is cultivated in various countries as well as in the United States, Australia, Africa and tropical areas. *A. annua* having the aromatic leaves which having the length up to 3 to 5 cm and these alienated by intense cuts into 2 or 3 tiny leaflets. Flowers and leaves both have the five celled filamentous trichomes as well as ten-celled biseriate trichomes. From the ancient time in traditional Ayurvedia as

well as in Homeopathic medicinal system, *A. annua* is used as a folk medicinal plant which having the potent anti malarial property. As per the earlier literatures, inside China and Korea, it was used in the form of aqueous preparation of the dried herb which was useful against the various ailments such as the skin diseases, malaria, fever, hemorrhoids and jaundice [6, 7].

Recently the Pharmacopoeia of the People's Republic of China officially lists the dried herb of *A. annua* as a remedy for fever and malaria, at a daily dose of 4.5–9 g of dried herb prepared as an infusion [8]. This is the herbal preparation that has been used for clinical trials. *A. annua* is also described to have anti-hyperlipidemic, anti-plasmodial, anti-convulsant activity [9].

Research showed that the *A. annua* was also highly effective against the malaria's patients infected from the *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, mainly and those one who showed the chloroquine resistant. Since 2001 WHO highly recommended the Artemisinin and its derivative based combination therapies for the malaria treatment, consequently they are utilized in all over the world as an Anti malarial drug [10].

The significance of artemisinin has lead to various synthetic as well as semisynthetic compound, looms to its formation to complement its derived from the *A. annua*. The most successful modern approach is the chemical conversion of artemisinic acid in to artemisinin, which one is produced by the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain [11].

Additionally to this dynamic compound, *A. annua* has too an appealing dietary profile with due to the availability of vitamins, amino acids, minerals as well as essential beneficiary nutrients which is required for the health [12]. From the time when it is discovered, the *A. annua* is the exclusive topic of widespread research due to its chemical constituents. Over the 600 active secondary metabolites has been recognized from the plant [13], together with the various triterpenoids, sesquiterpenoids, steroids, monoterpenoids, coumarins, flavonoids, benzenoids and alkaloids [14-16].

Thankfulness to this fortune, the plant *A. annua* has a huge number of the different biological goodness for example it is well explored for the hepatoprotective, antitumor, antifungal, anti-asthmatic, antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities [17].

All these reports assured the potency of *A. annua* as an aspirant for the medical, food, nutraceutical, cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries.

Aim of the current review is, to explore the details of different identified chemical compounds of *A. annua* as well as to explain the various phytochemical and pharmacological activities showed by this plant and its active compounds further than the malaria [17].

#### **Botanical classification of the plant**

Kingdom: Plantae  
 Clade: Angiosperms  
 Clade: Eudicots  
 Clade: Asterids  
 Order: Asterales  
 Family: Asteraceae  
 Genus: *Artemisia*  
 Species: *Artemisia annua*  
 Binomial name: *Artemisia annua* L.



**Fig.1.** *Artemisia annua* (*A. annua*) [18]

## PHARMCOGONOSTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Leaves of *Artemisia annua* are widely used for the treatment of malaria and as anti-inflammatory in most part of the world and in most of herbal drug market, leaves are being sold along with the aerial parts as Qinghao [19]. Therefore, macroscopic and microscopic characters of the aerial parts are described below:

### Macroscopic characteristics

An aromatic annual herb 0.9 to 1.95 m in height with deeply grooved branches. Variation generally present in the leaves and aerial parts. The leaves margins are not entire but the base is asymmetrical. The leaves are light green to dark green in color and strongly aromatic in smell and slight bitter in taste [20]. The lamina is completely divided into two separate segments called leaflets. The leaflets are arranged in pairs. [21].

(The leaves are arranged in pinnately as well as shapes of the leaves are lanceolate to oblong plus several deeply cut segments are present. The both outer and inner surfaces are glabrous along with a thin brittle texture. The leaves are dorsiventral histologically) [21].

The leaves contain anomocytic stomata with numerous glandular and non-glandular trichomes on both the surfaces with little stalk. Spongy parenchyma contains 4-6 layers of loosely arranged cells. Reticulate xylems are lignified and present in the ventral surface of the leaf [21].

### Microscopic characteristics

*Artemisia annua* leaf includes stomatal number of upper epidermis (32-47) and lower epidermis (62-66); stomatal index of upper epidermis (0.05-0.08) and lower epidermis (4-9); palisade ratio (35.5-5.75); Vein islet number (3-5) and Vein termination number (6-8). The average values of moisture content (9.2w/w), total ash (8.3w/w); acid insoluble ash (0.91) as well as alcohol (6.2w/w) and water (3.8) soluble extractives of *Artemisia annua* leaves were determined (10). The aerial parts of *Artemisia annua* (Asteraceae), have been used in Iranian traditional medicine. Composition of the essential oil, which was obtained from the aerial parts of *Artemisia annua* collected from Ilam-Iran, was determined by GC-MS. In total, twenty-five components (91.27 % of essential oil) were identified. Major constituents were  $\alpha$ -pinene (7.33 %), camphene (5.68 %), sabinene (4.78 %),  $\beta$ -myrcene (22.41 %), 1,8-cineole (17.17 %) and camphor (20.41 %) [22].

### Active chemical ingredients found in *Artemisia annua*

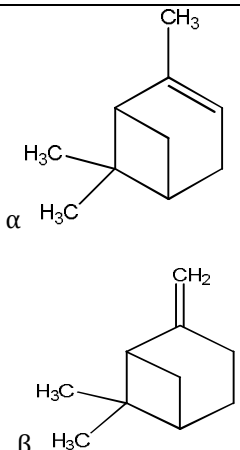
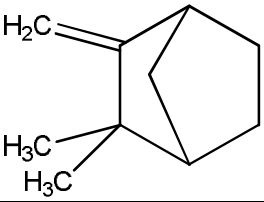
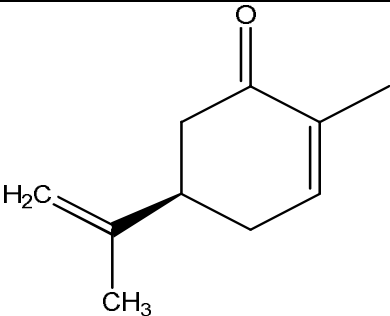
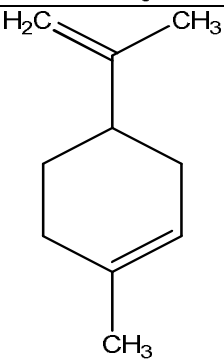
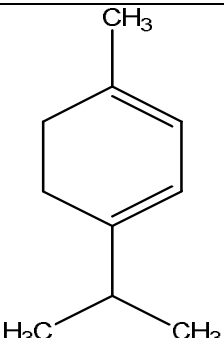
The chemical composition of *Artemisia annua* consists of volatile and non-volatile constituents. The volatile components are mainly attributable to essential oils with the content of the latter being 0.2–0.25%. The main compounds, which account for about 70% of the essential oils, appear to be camphene,  $\beta$ -camphene, isoartemisia ketone, 1-camphor,  $\beta$ -caryophyllene and  $\beta$ -pinene. In addition, other minor ingredients, such as artemisia ketone, 1, 8-cineole, camphene hydrate, and cuminal are also found in the volatile parts of *Artemisia annua* [23].

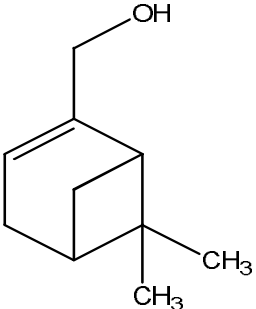
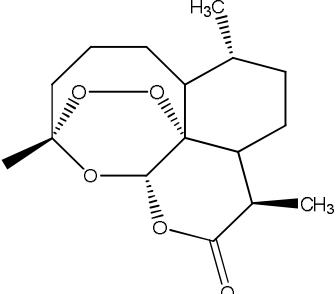
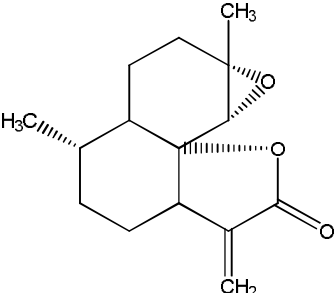
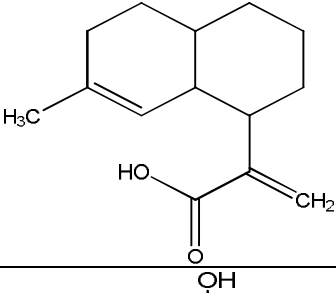
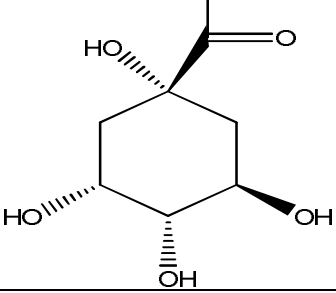
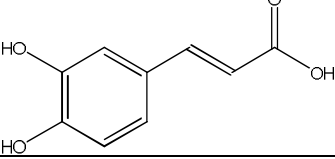
The main non-volatile ingredients include sesquiterpenoids, including artemisinin, artemisinin I, artemisinin II, artemisinin III, artemisinin IV, artemisinin artemisic acid, artemisilactone, artemisinol and epoxyarteannuinic acid. flavonoids and coumarins, together with proteins (such as  $\beta$ -galactosidase,  $\beta$ -glucosidase), steroids (e.g. B-sitosterol and stigmasterol) are the main chemical constituents of *A. annua* [23].

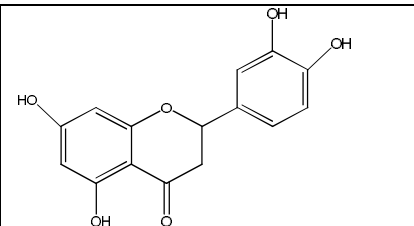
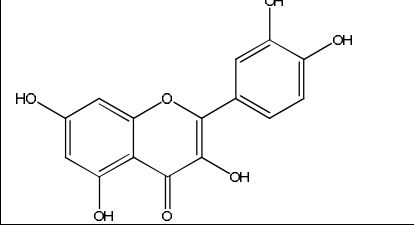
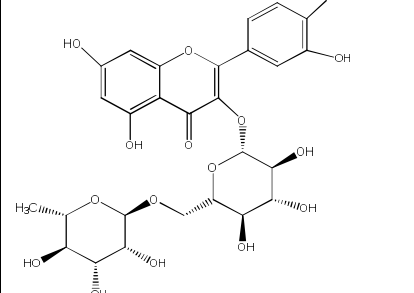
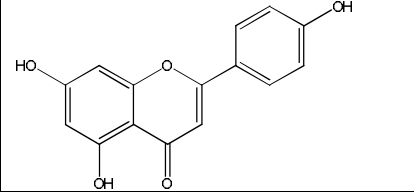
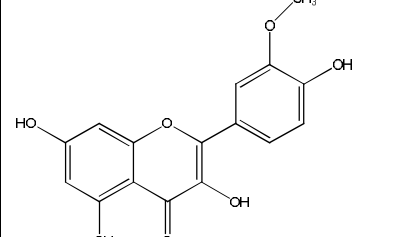
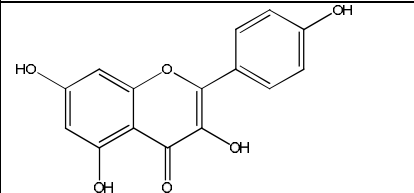
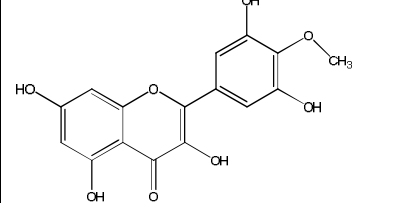
The area subsequently placed under various production arrangements. [The planted area was in Kenya (nearly 65%) followed by Uganda (19%) and Tanzania (north, over 16%). Both small and large farms were involved. In 2006, 7,500 farmers were reportedly involved, but area was not revealed. Currently the plant is widely cultivating in many places of Ethiopia [24].

**Table No.1 The chemical structure and biological activity present in *A. annua*.**

Molecule	Structure	Activities	References
1,8-cineole		Insecticidal, expectorant, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, antitumor, antifungal	[25-31]
$\alpha$ -and $\beta$ - pinene		Antimicrobial, anti-hypertensive, antinociceptive, anti-inflammatory, for flavor and fragrance purpose and as a food additives	[32-35]

			
Camphene		Insecticidal, antitumour, anti-inflammatory, anesthesia, neuroprotective	[36-52]
Carvone		Anti-inflammatory, anti-hyperlipidemic, antimicrobial, anti-carcinogenic, chemopreventive, anti-hypertensive, immunomodulator	[52-56]
Limonene		Antioxidant, antigenotoxic inhibition of angiogenesis, antitumor	[57-59]
$\alpha$ -terpinene		Antioxidant	[60]

Myrtenol		Mutagenic, neuroprotective, Analgesic, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antiaging, anti-diabetic, protects against the lungs disease, LDL (Low Density Lipoprotein)	[61-64]
Artemisinin		Antiviral, antitumor, antimalarial, antiparasitic, anti-inflammatory, antifibrotic	[65-69]
Arteannuin B		Antiviral, antitumor, larvicidal, anti-inflammatory,	[70-74]
Artemisinic acid		Regulator of adipocyte differentiations	[75]
Quinic acid		Antioxidant, lipolytic, antiobesity, antiviral, inhibitor of hepatic glucose-6-phosphate translocase	[76-79]
Caffeic acid		Antiviral, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antitumor, antialzimer, anti-diabetic, cardiovascular protector	[80-87]

Luteolin		Antitumor, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, nervous system protector, cardiovascular protector	[88-93]
Quercetin		Antioxidant, vasodilators effect, anti-inflammatory, antitumor, cardiovascular protector, neurodegenerative diseases protector, antiviral	[94-101]
Rutin		Antioxidant, cytoprotective anti-inflammatory, immunomodulator, neuroprotective, neurodegenerative, antidiabetic, hypotensor, an antiviral	[102-105]
Apigenin		Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antitumor, antimicrobial	[106-110]
Isorhamnetin		Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective, antidiabetic	[111-117]
Kaempferol		Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective, antitumor	[118-121]
Mearnstein		Antioxidant	[122]

Artemetin		Hypotensor, antioxidant, inflammatory	antitumor, anti-	[123-127]
Casticin		antitumor, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiageing		[128-130]
Chrysosplenetin		Antiviral		[131]
Chrysoprenol D		Antiinflammatory, antitumor, antioxidant		[132]
Cirsilineol		Immunosuppressive, antitumor		[133-136]
Eupatorine		Antitumor		[137-139]
Scopolin Scopoletin		Antinociceptive, anti-inflammatory, antipyretic, antiallergic	antioxidant, cooling effect,	[140-145]

## THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL OF *A. ANNUA*

As per the traditional and folk medicinal system the various pharmacological investigations has been carried out scientifically to confirm its potential and efficacy in cure of various diseases [146].

### Antihypertensive activity

The earlier literature revealed that the diabetic rabbits and rats were (body weight approx 100-390 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) regularly feed the aqueous extract of the *A. annua* (aerial part) in specific dose for 2-4 weeks regularly, the results showed the significant reduction in blood pressure. This pharmacological action prevent the risen level of glycosylated haemoglobin also showed the hypoliposis action, additionally it prevent the loss of body weight in diabetic animals. It was also estimated that the administration of *A. annua* extract in 100-200 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> were significantly prevent the phenylephrine-induced contraction as well as showed the effective endothelium-dependent relaxation in rat's aortic rings inside the Krebs's solution [146].

### Antimicrobial activity

The essential oils collected from the *A. annua* explored the vital antimicrobial activity during this experiment. The essential oil showed the significant antimicrobial potency against all the experimented microbes, excepted *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, no antimicrobial activity has been observed. The research showed that the maximum inhibitory activity against the fungal microbes *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* as well as the *Candida albicans*, showed the (Minimal Inhibitory Concentration) MIC = 2 mg/ml and MIC = 2mg/ml respectively [147]. The essential oil showed the moderate inhibitory activity against the *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, the MIC value was found 64 mg/ml and 32 mg/ml respectively [148].

### Anti-inflammatory activity

Research stated that the aqueous methanolic extract of *A. annua* showed the significant anti-inflammatory activity when investigated by using the egg albumin and carrageenan induced rat paw edema screening models (for acute condition) and grass pith and cotton pellets induced screening models (for chronic inflammation). At a dose 200mg/kg, the *A. annua* showed the good anti-inflammatory activity in the carrageenan and albumin induced screening models, showed the MIC value 55.44% and 53.16% respectively [149].

At the dose of 200 mg/kg, in the chronic inflammatory screening models the *A. annua* extract explored the 60% declination in granuloma weight. During this, the Diclofenac Sodium (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent) is act as standard drug and the efficacy of the plant extract was compared with the standard drug.

Phytochemical screenings also revealed that the presence of flavonoid, triterpenoids, coumarin and polyphenols in the *A. annua* extract, which prevent the progression of maximum edema response in acute as well as chronic anti-inflammatory screening models [149].

### Antioxidant activity

Various research study showed that the plant *A. annua* had the potent antioxidant activity due its available chemical constituents specifically the phenolic compounds [150].

Another study revealed that the plant *A. annua* posses the antioxidant activity because of the major compound such as flavonoids, coumarins and terpenes, it is importantly stated that a flavonoid which named is chryprenol D (Molecular formula is C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>8</sub>), has been recognized as major molecule which play significant role in the antioxidant activity for this plant [151].

Another research showed that the essential of *A. annua* had the potent antioxidant activity which is based on the 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity (ORAC), 2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid (ABTS) diammonium salt), assays and metal chelating ability using the ferrozine assay [150, 152].

Additionally the animal feed with the *A. annua* extract diet showed the progressive changes in the functioning of NQO1 (NAD(P)H: quinone oxidoreductase 1), which is act as important marker antioxidant enzyme, in the cause of various significant organs such as Large intestine, Small intestine, Stomach, Kidney.

Collectively, these high level different antioxidant activities concluded the results that *A. annua* is a richer source of the antioxidants which may favor its therapeutic utilization, it's utility as a highly effective herbal tonic by humans and other living beings [153].

### Antimalarial activity

Research showed that Artemisinin and its derivatives are the principle constituents which are majorly responsible for the antimalarial activity. They showed their therapeutic effect because of the interfering in the catabolic pathway of plasmodial hemoglobin as well as by preventing the heme polymerization [154, 155]. Result obtained from the *in-vitro* studies showed that, in malarial parasites the artemisinin is



capably blocked the proteolytic activity of the digestive vacuole. Additionally the *ex vivo* research revealed that, inside the parasites the administration of artemisinin with the hemoglobin accumulation, prevent the hemoglobin degradation. In research artemisinin has been explored as a potent inhibitor of the heme polymerization activity regulated by the *Plasmodium falciparum* histidine and *Plasmodium yoelii* lysates [156, 157].

Although other plants of this family, which do not contain artemisinin, such as *A. apiacea*, *A. herba alba*, *A. abrotanum*, *A. absinthium*, *A. ludoviciana*, and specifically *A. afra* jewel from the good antimalarial property, later on it is used for the antimalarial activity in South Africa and Tanzania [158].

#### **Antiparasitic activity**

##### **Antiplasmodial Activity**

In area of central Africa, Malaria patients are treated from the *A. annua* tea, at a particular dose (as per the Chinese pharmacopoeia), showed the potent anti-malarial activity.

During this experiment 5 malaria patients received the *A. annua* tea showed a rapid recovery from parasitemia in two to four days. One another trial which carried out with the 48 malaria patients confirmed the recovery from parasitemia in 44 patients during 4 days. Both clinical trials explored the clear improvement and recovery in the malarial symptoms [150].

##### **Anti-Helminthic property**

From the data, each year in 78 nations, around 250 million populace are infected from Schistosomiasis, in which 280,000 people were died approximately every year and in sub-Saharan Africa nation approx 172 million peoples get infected from it. The ailment is occurred by the trematode worms (genus *Schistosoma*) with 6 species (*S. mansoni*, *S. haematobium*, *S. japonicum*, *S. intercalatum*, *S. malayensis* and *S. mekongi*). In which *S. mansoni* and *S. haematobium* are the major causing agents for the intestinal and urinary schistosomiasis, correspondingly, that abundantly found in Africa (230). Artemisinin and its derivatives having the higher potency to deduct the total worm rates which does not depend on the route of drug administration, also seen the higher deduction rates for female as compare with male worms.

In addition the Artemisinin derivatives are also majorly reduced the worm eggs burden as well as granulomata which is caused by the worm egg inside the liver of animals (host) [150].

Artemisinin and its derivatives were also found to be active against a number of nematodes. In an *in vitro* study, artemether treatment caused cuticular changes on adult *Toxocara canis* similar to those induced by albendazole sulfoxide with faster onset of action [159]

A research performed on *Neospora canum*, a kind of protozoal parasite that causing the infection inside the mammals very commonly, causing the reason of abortion in cattle was also carried out. The cultured cells (Vero cells mouse peritoneal macrophages or vero cells) were infected with *Neospora caninum* tachyzoites and treated by artemisinin at the concentrations 20, 10, 1, 0.1, 0.01 µg/ml respectively. On the 11 days of the experiment at the concentration 20 or 10 µg/ml artemisinin completely abolished the all kind of microscopic foci of the *N. caninum*. The same result has been observed at 1 µg/ml on the 14 days of the experiment. In shorter duration at the 0.1 µg/ml concentration artemisinin decrease the intracellular proliferation of *N. caninum* tachyzoites ( $p < 0.05$ ) [13, 14].

Others nematodes on which Artemisia and its derivative have been investigated include *Haemonchus contortus* in animals and plant nematodes (*Globodera*, *Meloidogyne* spp., *Xiphinema index*, *rostochiensis*) [160].

##### **Anticancer activity**

Several research showed that Artemisinin showed excellent anti-cancer property when it is experimented for *in vitro* trial. The endoperoxide group present in the Artemisinins is totally responsible for its anticancer as well as antimalarial property. There is no clinical trial has been performed for the *in-vivo* study. Such as Hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ), artemisinin also react with ferrous iron ( $Fe^{2+}$ ) for the formation of radical species. Artemisinin-derived radical species related to anti-parasitic as well as anti-cancer activities [161, 162].

Artemisinin derivatives bear the good anti-cancer property, which is significantly risen when the iron compounds were merging inside the cell culture medium. Artemisinin and transferrin (ART-Tf) complex, which is iron containing transport protein human, is dynamically taken up by cancer cells via the endocytosis pathway which is mediated by transferrin receptor (TfR) and it is explore remarkably greater anti-cancer activity than the unconjugated artemisinin. Resembling ART-Tf, artemisinin-peptide conjugates which are framed to target TfR too explored the highly effective and specific anti-cancer property [161, 163].

These researches showed the significance of iron metabolism in to find out the efficacy of artemisinin derivatives in inhibiting the cancer cells. Derivatives of Artemisinin, stimulate the cancer cells's planned cell death by trigger the cytochrome C-regulated or intrinsic pathway for the apoptosis, while the preliminary protein artemisinin derivatives which are targeted for the apoptosis process in human carcinogenic cells have not recognized till the date. Even though the formation of free radicals starting from the reaction between artemisinin and iron, is recognized as the major mechanism for its anticancer property, there are some other mechanisms, vital for the cancer survival and proliferation which are influenced by artemisinin [164, 165].

#### **Antiviral activity**

The data obtained from the research via *in vitro* and *in vivo* method for *A. annua* extract and its derivatives, showed that the plant having the good antiviral activities and act as a potent anti-viral agent. Experimented viruses (both DNA and RNA viruses) on which antiviral activity has been performed, so effectively act on both type of viruses [166].

*A. annua* (methanolic extract) was experimented in a syncytium inhibition assay; depend on the reaction between the HIV-1 and the CD4 cell membrane of T-lymphocytes [167].

An *in vitro* research has explored that tea infusion of *A. annua* has good anti-HIV property. The availability of HIV-malaria co infection in malaria prone areas has the chances of anti-HIV activity of *A. annua* traditionally utilized for malaria treatment. It has been demonstrated that artemisinin was not the primary compound which is responsible for the anti-HIV activities.

From the *In vitro* study, *A. annua* tea infusion study is observed highly active, the IC<sub>50</sub> values found below the 2.0 µg/mL, however artemisinin was found inert at the 25 µg/mL [16]. Nevertheless, *in vitro* models of NL3.4 HIV-1 infected PBMCs showed that 10 µM of artemisinin inhibited HIV-1 replication by 60% [168].

As per the latest research it is explored that the *A. annua* tea infusion had the power to work against the HIV infection. In this experiment *A. afra* species were utilized (not contain the artemisinin). In this study there were two different samples with different format were utilized (in which one was an infection sample format and the other one was the co-cultivation sample format). Both experimental samples were also investigated for cellular toxicity, for the human cells which were tested inside the experiment. No evidence has been showed for the cellular lethality at the highest concentrations from the experiment. It is the experimental study which gives primarily the proof for the *in vitro* anti-HIV capability of *A. annua* tea infusion [169].

#### **Immunosuppressive activity**

In the preclinical study, *A. annua* (ethanolic extract) showed the immunosuppressive property against the splenocyte proliferation, consequently the *A. annua* was used in the treatment of various autoimmune diseases as well as considered as a potent immunosuppressant for the future research. The extract obtained from the plant was purified and phytochemically evaluated. Suppressive property of the plant extract was observed against the calmodulin by the increase in the fluorescence production of calmodulin [170].

#### **Anti-diabetic activity**

*A. annua* (aqueous extract) showed the considerable anti hypoinsulinemia and anti-diabetic in the animal (at the dose 28.5 mg/kg) during the preclinical study. The phenomena which is responsible for this property is may be due to, it make the proper secretion of insulin from the β cells of pancreas as well as by α cells inhibition or it may be occurred by increasing in the insulin activity.

Additionally, now days a well significant connection is established between the inflammatory response, oxidative stress as well as insulin activity. It provides the details about the potency of antioxidant to prevent against the harmful effects of hyperglycemia condition as well as the progression of glucose metabolism. Commonly, the flavonoids are the main components which responsible for the antioxidant potency, which was confirmed to work on biological targets, concerned in the type 2 diabetes mellitus for example α-glycosidase, aldose reductase or glucose cotransporter [167].

The *A. annua* having the anti-hypoinsulinemic activity and it is also prevent the hepatocytes damage by the inhibition of the lipopolysaccharide by the appearance of proinflammatory mediators TNF-α (tumor necrosis factor alpha), IL-1β (Interleukin 1 beta) by the appearance of COX-2 (cyclooxygenase 2) as well as iNOS (Inducible nitric oxide synthase) [17].

#### **Artemisia annua derived product available in Market**

1- Nutricology Super Artemisinin, Vegicaps [171, 172, 173].

2- Amalth *Artemisia annua* [174].

3- Deve Herbes Pure Sweet Wormwood Essential Oil (*Artemisia annua*) 100% Natural Therapeutic Grade Steam Distilled 300ml [175].

- 4- Tonga Herbs Artemisinin Extract Powder (200g) [176].
- 5- Artemisia Tea 100% natural [177].
- 6- Thorne Research, Artecina, 90 Capsules [178]
- 7- Nutricology, Artemisinin, 90 Vegetarian Capsules [179]

## CONCLUSION

In all over the world, from the herbal plants, biological activity of *A. annua* is moderately less discovered against the plant pathogens and bugs pest. This genus is shown by greater than 40 species, specifically in the tropic area. This review study showed the active components of the essential oils which were obtained from various geographical areas, a marked difference was observed in the composition of various species which belong to the same genus. The main components were consisted from various terpenoids, terpenes and 1, 8-cineole, phenolic compounds, beta-pinene, thujone, camphor, caryophyllene, artemisia ketone, germacrene D and camphene were found as a primarily components in some species. a range of Artemisia oils and its active compounds have been explored as efficient insecticidal, antioxidant and antimicrobial agents. Several oils also showed the poor to moderate efficacy against the pathogens and pests. The oil contained the good antioxidant property only because of the availability of phenolic compounds. The information reviewed here is future to provide as a reference tool to populace in the field of plant protections and Chemistry of natural products.

In fact the present review emphasizes on the Artemisia essential oils's antimicrobial activity against phytopathogens, it has also showed the significant results against the some of human as well as animal pathogens. Lately this genus has magnetized the world's attention, when it grasped a Nobel Prize regarding its utility for the malaria treatment in traditional medicine system. Many preliminary investigations had been performed on the various species of Artemisia concerning its antioxidant, antimicrobial and insecticidal properties, but the more sophisticated bio-prospection required to explore its valuable bio-activities in opposite to the plant pathogens and bugs at the ground level. Present times are frantic times, in which attention of research has been shifted in the direction of, too exploration of the natural compounds, particularly for human wellbeing. More defined reporting and data investigation is still required. Another major problem such as residual toxicity, mammalian toxicity, phy-toxicity, legal obligation/regulations and its long-standing physiological and environmental outcomes of the efficient oils necessitate being replied.

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