



Marine-Derived Compounds for the Prevention and Treatment of Colorectal Cancer-A Review

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Abstract:

Marine microorganisms, animals, and plants are the best sources to find bioactive compounds with an assortment of pharmacological characteristics, encompassing the capacity to absorb free radicals and have antitumor, antimicrobial, analgesic, neuroprotective, and immunomodulatory effects. The need for affordable, safe, and effective medications is increasing due to the world's population growth, and marine drugs offer a substitute supply. A widespread type of cancer to be diagnosed globally is colon cancer where a common pharmacological treatment is chemotherapy which may not be suitable for individuals due to its adverse consequences. Natural marine compounds are plentiful and have special chemical structures, which make them widely used in anticancer treatments. This review lists the secondary metabolites such as alkaloids, peptides, terpenes, etc extracted from marine actinomycetes and fungi as cutting-edge substitutes for cytotoxic substances directed opposing the malignancy cell lines from colon cancer Caco-2, RKO, HCT15, HT29, and HCT116. The in-vitro research provided an overview of the many compounds from marine origins and their pharmacological actions. According to tumor inhibition, hepatotoxicity, and nephrotoxicity, the in vivo studies assessed the anticancer properties of marine substances on mice modeled by colorectal cancer. The primary chemical categories and methods of operation of the clinical medications that possess received full and clinical clearance for their anti-cancer properties in marine environments were compiled from the clinical studies.

Keywords: Actinomycetes, apoptosis, colorectal cancer, marine fungi, secondary metabolites, tumor.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cancer incidence is expected to rise, making it one of the world's leading causes of death to roughly 68% by 2030[1]. Tumor formation activation, damage to DNA and abnormal DNA repair processes, destroyed suppressor of tumors activity, and cancer progresses due to factors such as angiogenesis and improved cell survival through metastasis[2], [3]. Worldwide morbidity and mortality are primarily caused by cancer, with an approximate annual number of 18.1 million new cases[4]. Men are most likely to develop Lung, stomach, liver,

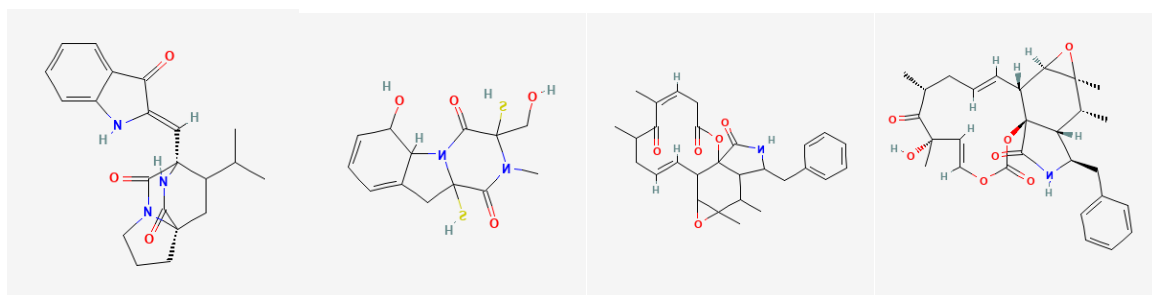
colon, and prostate cancers. In contrast, cervical, thyroid, breast, lung, and colorectal cancers are more common in women, while children are more likely to develop blood cancer. [5], [6]. Clinical surgery and chemotherapy: drug toxicity and resistance have resulted in a poor prognosis for colon cancer, a cancerous growth that has a significant fatality rate. Therefore, it is crucial and necessary to find safer and more effective drugs for clinical studies [7]. Throughout the globe, colorectal cancer (CRC) ranks second regarding mortality but third in incidence. An estimated colorectal cancer (CRC) statistic for 2020 showed 1.9 million new cases (including anus) and deaths of 935,000.; these figures represent roughly one in ten cases and deaths of cancer [8]. Most patients with stage I and II colon cancer (84%), however, get a colectomy without chemotherapy, while roughly two-thirds of patients with stage III colon cancer (and a small number of patients with stage II illness) have adjuvant chemotherapy to lower their chance of recurrence. Periodic or persistent diarrhea, along with intestinal dysfunction such as increased frequency of stools, radiation proctitis, perianal discomfort, and incontinence, are frequently associated with these treatments [9]. Since 1960, pharmacology has utilized natural marine products as study subjects due to their unique biofunctional characteristics and extensive chemical diversity. These compounds are extracted from a variety of intertidal plants and microorganisms, including mangroves, algae (green, brown, and red), tunicates, echinoderms, sponges, cnidarians, bryozoans, and mollusks. The last five years have seen a steady rise in research on marine fungi and a decline in reports of novel chemicals from bacteria, cnidarians, and sponges [10]. Carotenoids, terpenoids, peptides, polysaccharides, and alkaloids that are separated from marine species are the primary sources of anticancer compounds. The FDA, which is based in the United States, has authorized eleven anticancer medications as of April 2022, highlighting the marine environment's enormous potential as a natural gold mine for substances having anticancer properties [11]. The third most deadly disease overall and the fourth most prevalent form diagnosed globally is colorectal cancer (CRC). In 2018, there were over a million new cases of colorectal cancer diagnosed, including around 704,000 new cases of rectal cancer and over a million new cases of colon cancer [12]. The most popular kind of medical care for patients with CRC is chemotherapy. Even with the improvements in CRC therapies, there are still two major problems with this medication: the resistance to cancer chemotherapy and the need for special CRC pharmacotherapy for the elderly, who are the most susceptible subgroup [13]. Resistance to chemotherapy in colorectal cancer may arise due to variations in the way that related proteins genes. As an illustration, there is a strong correlation between the presence of the enzyme thymidylate synthase and fluorouracil's effectiveness (5-FU) in targeting it. The efficiency of 5-FU is also dependent on certain proteins' metabolism and breakdown, including dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase, uridine phosphorylase, thymidine phosphorylase, and orotate phosphoribosyl transferase [14]. The adenocarcinoma form of colon cancer is characterized by an overexpression of the Rac1b gene. It has been demonstrated that Rac1b overexpression promotes chemoresistance against 5-FU or oxaliplatin treatment via NF- κ B signaling [15]. Furthermore, the most susceptible subgroup of the population for CRC is the elderly, with a high incidence rate among those over 70. Given that every single one of them possesses a unique health condition, it is important to discuss CRC pharmacotherapy. Additionally, their medical interventions should become more targeted and take into account the side effects of radiation, surgery, or chemotherapy in terms of their weakness, state of cognition, and functionality, and any associated comorbidities [16]. It has been shown that marine organisms may provide novel compounds with anti-CRC properties. Furthermore, a brown seaweed sulfated polysaccharide in HCT-116 and HT-29 cells called fucoidan showed activity of apoptosis. [17]. Additionally, fucoidan has demonstrated strong anti-CRC activity in clinical trials with comparatively low adverse effects in people [18]. The investigation of newly developed anticancer drugs originating from marine microbiology against colorectal cancers (CRCs) has garnered significant attention recently. 98 percent of the biomass in the oceans of the world is made up of marine microorganisms like bacteria, fungi, algae, and plankton [19]. The ability to extract bioactive compounds from marine microorganisms with great potency was revealed in several papers with the development of marine biotechnological methods. Of them, research on the synthesis of novel bioactive metabolites is primarily focused on bacteria and fungi [20]. This review contains information about the anti-colon cancer compounds derived from marine microbes.

II. ANTI-COLORECTAL CANCER COMPOUNDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROORGANISMS

There are many compounds derived from marine microbes that constitute anti-cancer properties, these microbes include various species of fungi, actinomycetes, and a few bacteria and algae. Many of these derived compounds contain different anti-cancer properties one of which is anti-colon cancer. The derived compounds constitute various alkaloids, terpenes, peptides, carotenoids, polysaccharides, heterocyclic aromatics, amides, different benzene derivatives, polyether, and polyhydroxy compounds, etc. which were tested on different anti-colon cancer cell lines such as Caco-2, RKO, HCT15, HT29, and HCT116.

2.1 ALKALOIDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Fungi				
	Brevianamide C	<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	Anti-proliferation	[21]
	Reduced-gliotoxin	<i>Neosartorya pseudofischeri</i>	Apoptosis, anti-proliferation, and anoikis	[22]
	GQQ-792	<i>Tilachlidium sp.</i>	Anti-proliferation	[23]
	Rosellichalasin	<i>Aspergillus sp. nov. F1</i>	Moderate Cytotoxicity	[24]
	Cytochalasin E	<i>Aspergillus sp. nov. F1</i>	Weak Cytotoxicity	[24]
	19,20- dihydrophomacin C	<i>W. dispersa XL602</i>	Weak Cytotoxicity	[25]
	19-methoxy-19,20- dihydrophomacin C	<i>W. dispersa XL602</i>	Weak Cytotoxicity	[25]
	19-hydroxyl-19,20- dihydrophomacin C	<i>W. dispersa XL602</i>	Weak Cytotoxicity	[25]
	Gymnastatin Z	<i>W. dispersa XL602</i>	Weak Cytotoxicity	[25]
	Pityriacitrin	<i>D. cejpai F31-1</i>	Moderate Cytotoxicity	[26]
	epi-Fiscalin C	<i>N. siamensis KUFA 0017</i>	Weak Cytotoxicity	[27]
Actinomycetes				
	6-OMe-70,7"-dichlorochromopyrrolic acid	<i>Streptomyces SCSIO 11791</i>	Strong Cytotoxicity	[28]
	Lynamycin B	<i>Streptomyces SCSIO 11791</i>	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[28]
	Spiroindimicin B	<i>Streptomyces SCSIO 11791</i>	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[28]
Green Algae				
	Caulerpin	<i>Caulerpa cylindracea</i>		[29]

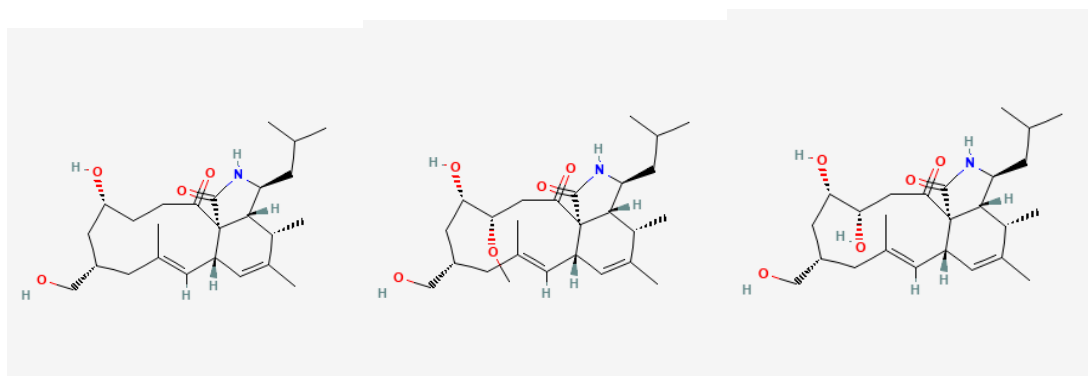


Brevianamide C

Reduced-gliotoxin

Rosellichalasin

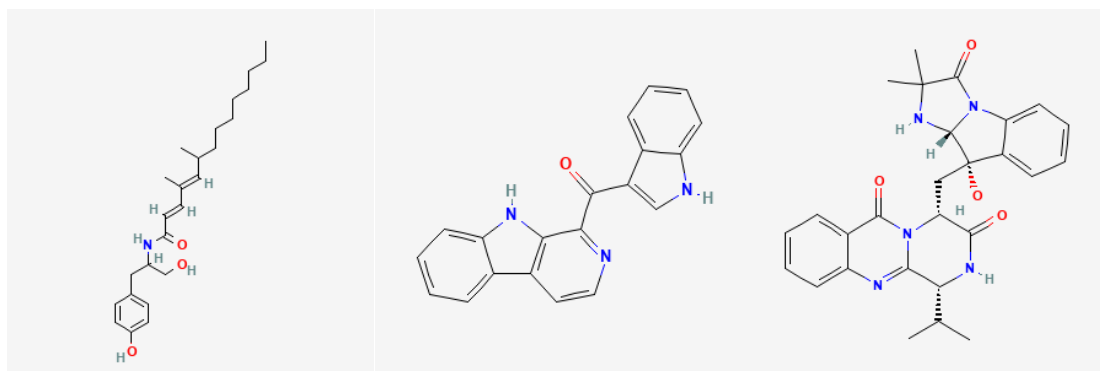
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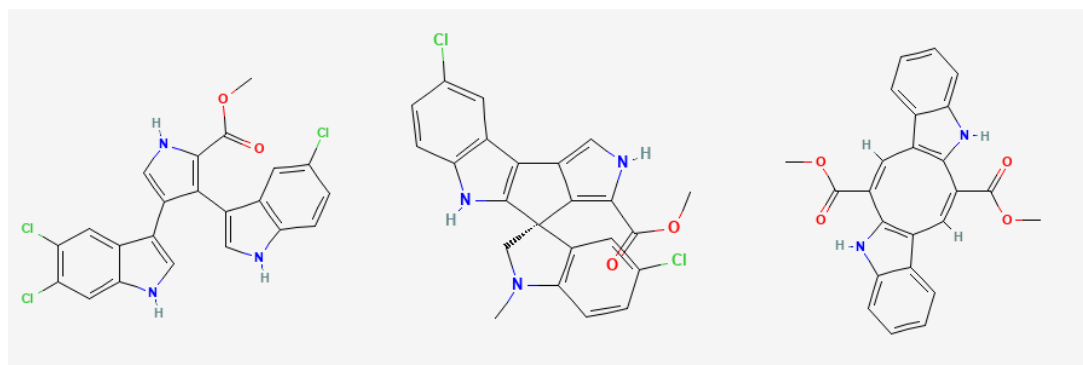
19,20- dihydrophomacin-C

19-methoxy-19,20-
dihydrophomacin-C

19-hydroxyl-19,20-dihydrophomacin-C



Gymnastatin-Z Pityriacitrin epi-Fiscalin C



6-OMe-70 ,7''- dichlorochromo
-pyrrolic acid

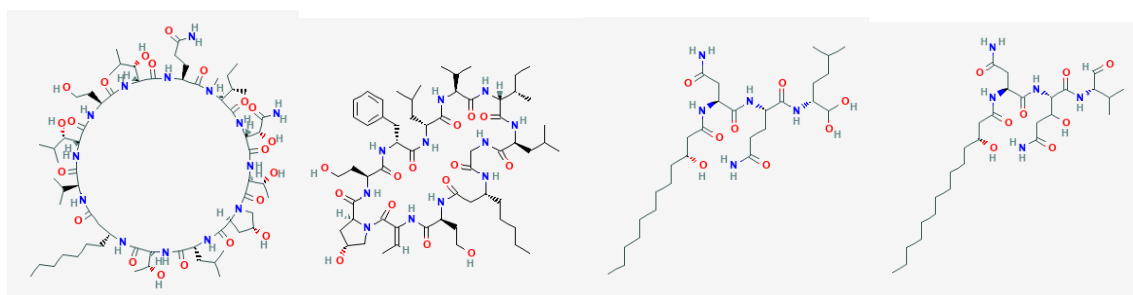
Spiroindimicin B

Caulerpin

2.2 PEPTIDES DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Bacteria				
	L-Glutaminase	<i>Halomonas meridian</i>	Anti-proliferation; apoptosis	[30]
Cyanobacteria				
	Laxaphycin B4	<i>Hormothamnionen teromorphoides</i>	Anti-proliferation	[31]
	Laxaphycin A2	<i>Hormothamnionen teromorphoides</i>	Anti-proliferation	[31]
Fungi				
	Fellutamide F	<i>A. versicolor PF10M</i>	Strong Cytotoxicity	[32]
	Fellutamide C	<i>A. versicolor PF10M</i>	Strong Cytotoxicity	[32]
	Brocazine A	<i>P. brocae MA-231</i>	Strong Cytotoxicity	[33]
	Brocazine B	<i>P. brocae MA-231</i>	Strong Cytotoxicity	[33]
Actinomycetes				
	Ohmyungsamycin A	<i>Streptomyces strain SNJ042</i>	G0/G1 cell cycle arrest, apoptosis, and anti-proliferation	[34],[39]
	Actinomycin-V	<i>Streptomyces sp.</i>	PI3K/AKT pathway, apoptosis, and anti-proliferation	[35]
	Androsamide	<i>Nocardiosis sp.</i>	Anti-proliferation; block EMT	[36]
	Cyclo-(Pro-Ala)	<i>S. nigra sp. nov. 452</i>	Moderate	[37]

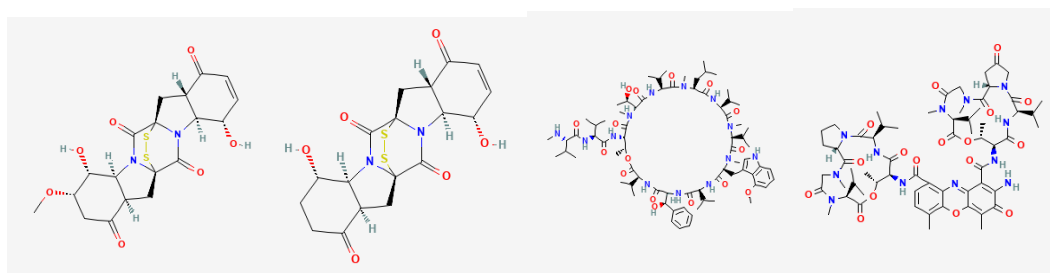
				Cytotoxicity	
	Cyclo-(Pro-Val)	<i>S. nigra</i> sp. nov. 452		Moderate	[37]
				Cytotoxicity	
	Cyclo-(Pro-Leu)	<i>S. nigra</i> sp. nov. 452		Moderate	[37]
				Cytotoxicity	
	Cyclo-(Pro-Phe)	<i>S. nigra</i> sp. nov. 452		Moderate	[37]
				Cytotoxicity	
	Neo-actinomycin A	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. <i>IMB094</i>		Strong	[38]
				Cytotoxicity	
	Neo-actinomycin B	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. <i>IMB094</i>		Strong	[38]
				Cytotoxicity	
	Actinomycin D	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp. <i>IMB094</i>		Strong	[38]
				Cytotoxicity	



Laxaphycin B4

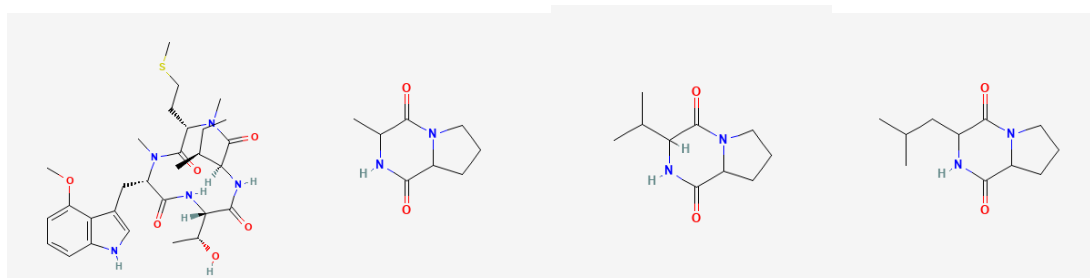
Laxaphycin A2

Fellutamide F Fellutamide C



Brocazine A Brocazine B Ohmyungsamycin A

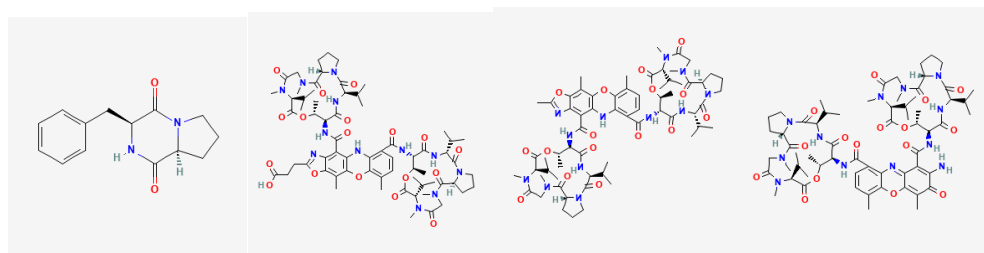
Actinomycin V



Androsamide Cyclo-(Pro-Ala)

Cyclo-(Pro-Val)

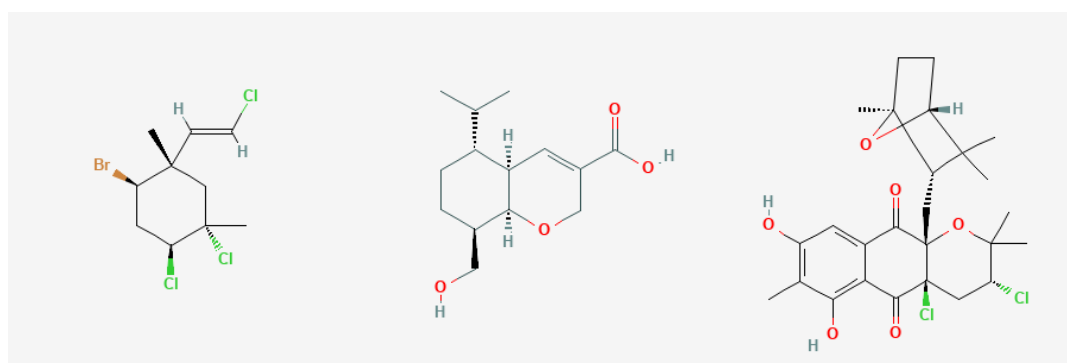
Cyclo-(Pro-Leu)



Cyclo-(Pro-Phe) Neo-actinomycin-A Neo-actinomycin-B Actinomycin-D

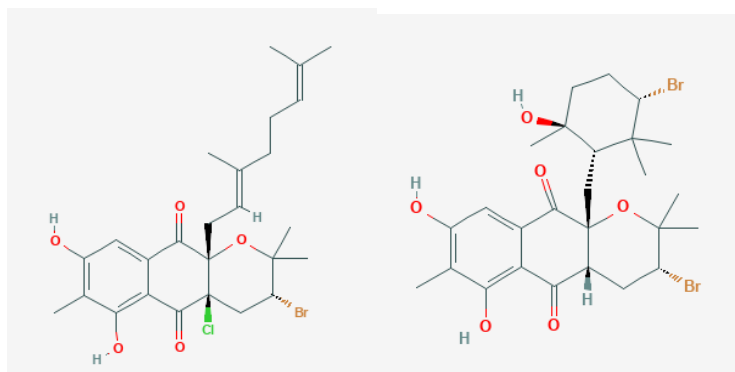
2.3 TERPENES DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Red Algae				
	Mertensene	<i>Pterocladiallacapillacea</i>	Apoptosis, G2/M cell cycle arrest, anti-proliferation, ERK-1/-2, AKT, and NF-κB activation	[40]
Fungi				
	Trichodermaloids A	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i> and <i>Dysidea sp.</i>	Anti-proliferation	[41]
	Trichodermaloids B	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i> and <i>Dysidea sp.</i>	Anti-proliferation	[41]
	Trichodermaloids C	<i>Dysidea sp.</i> and <i>Trichoderma sp.</i>	Anti-proliferation	[41]
	Rhinomilisin E	<i>Trichoderma sp.</i> and <i>Dysidea sp.</i>	Anti-proliferation	[41]
Actinomycetes				
	Napyradiomycin CNQ525.510B	<i>Streptomyces CNQ525</i>	Strong Cytotoxicity	[42]
	Napyradiomycin CNQ525.538	<i>Streptomyces CNQ525</i>	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[42]
	Napyradiomycin CNQ525.600	<i>Streptomyces CNQ525</i>	Moderate Cytotoxicity	[42]



Mertensene Rhinomilisin E

Napyradiomycin-CNQ525.510B

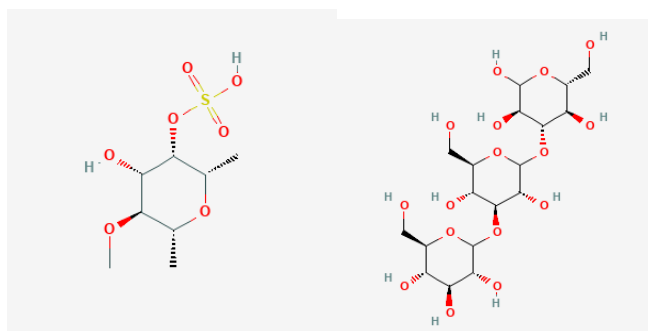


Napyradiomycin-CNQ525.538

Napyradiomycin-CNQ525.600

2.4 POLYSACCHARIDES DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Brown Algae				
	Fucoidan	-	Apoptosis G ₁ Phase Cell Cycle arrest	[43]
	Laminaran	-	Apoptosis	[44]



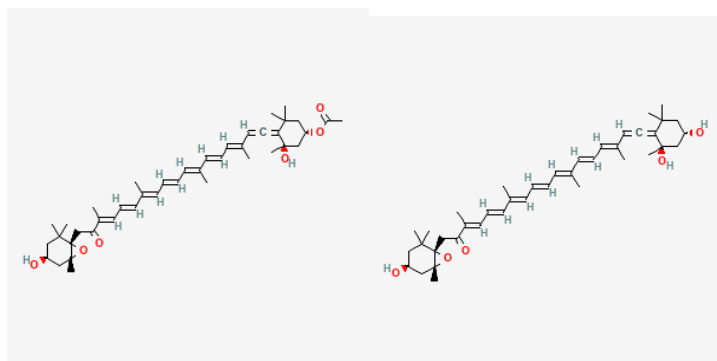
Fucoidan

Laminaran

2.5 CAROTENOIDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Brown Algae				
	Fucoxanthin	-	G ₀ /G ₁ Cell cycle arrest Apoptosis	[45]

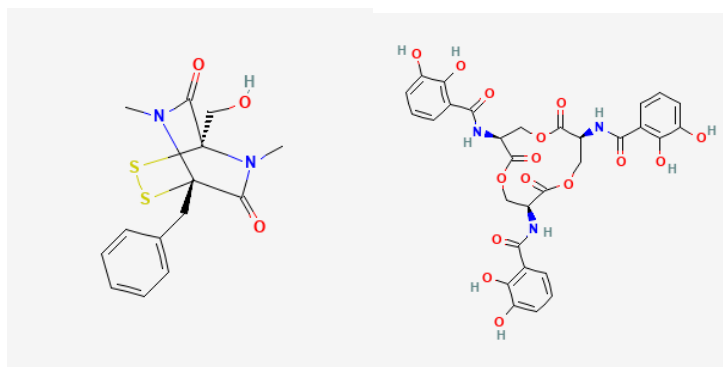
Fucoxanthinol	-	Apoptosis	[46]
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Fucoxanthin Fucoxanthinol

2.6 HETEROCYCLIC AROMATIC COMPOUNDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Fungi				
	Hyalodendrin	<i>P.salina</i> PC 362H	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[47]
Actinomycetes				
	2,3-Dihydroxybenzamide	Streptomyces sp. SBT348	Strong Cytotoxicity	[48]

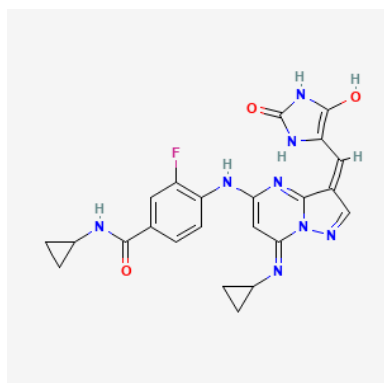


Hyalodendrin

2,3- Dihydroxybenzamide

2.7 POLYETHER COMPOUNDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

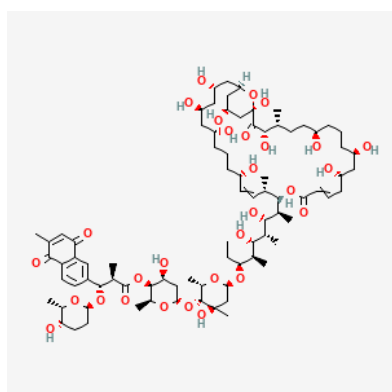
	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Actinomycetes				
	K41 A	<i>S.cacaoi</i> 14CM034	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[49]



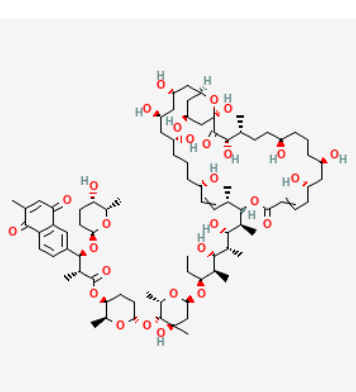
K41 A

2.8 POLYHYDROXYL COMPOUNDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Actinomycetes	PM100117	<i>S. caniferus</i> GUA-06-05-006A	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[50]
	PM100118	<i>S. caniferus</i> GUA-06-05-006A	Very Strong Cytotoxicity	[50]



PM100117



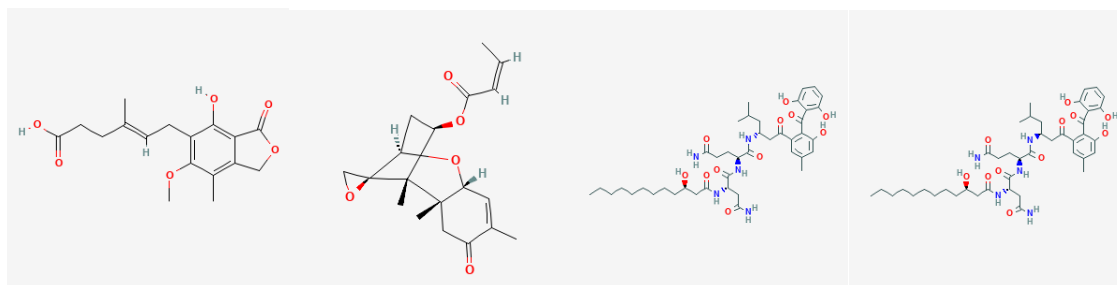
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2.9 COMPOUNDS DERIVED FROM MARINE MICROBES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-COLON CANCER (In-Vitro)

	Compound	Species	Mechanism	Reference
Bacteria				
	AVSC4 extract	<i>Bacillus flexus</i>	Cytotoxicity	[51]
Brown Algae				
	Methanol extract	<i>Halopteris scoparia</i> <i>L. Sauvageau</i>	Cytotoxicity; apoptosis; AKT	[52]

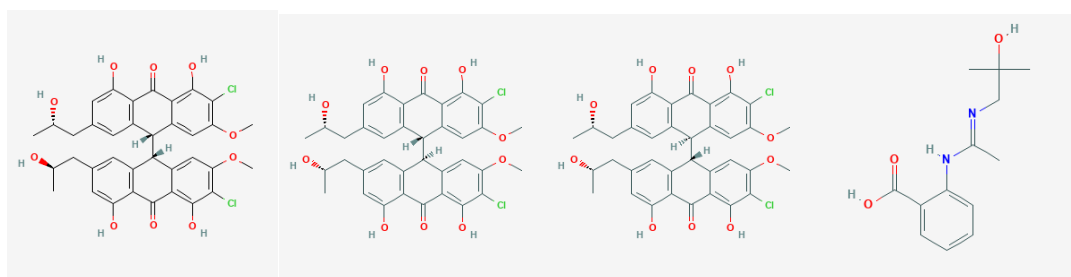
			pathway	
Fungi				
	Mycophenolic acid	<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	Cytotoxicity	[53]
	Ganodermasides A	<i>Pseudogymnoascus sp. HSX2#-11</i>	Cytotoxicity	[54]
	Ganodermasides B	<i>Pseudogymnoascus sp. HSX2#-11</i>	Cytotoxicity	[55]
	Compound 1	<i>Aspergillus flocculosus</i> 01NT-1.1.5	Cytotoxicity	[56]
	Compound 9	<i>Aspergillus flocculosus</i> 01NT-1.1.5	Cytotoxicity	[56]
	Compound 10	<i>Aspergillus flocculosus</i> 01NT-1.1.5	Cytotoxicity	[56]
	Trichothecin	<i>Alternaria</i> sp. TZIP-11	STAT3 pathway blockage, apoptosis, G0/G1 cell cycle arrest, and anti-proliferation	[57]
	Asperphenin A	<i>Aspergillus</i> sp.	Apoptosis; arrest of the G2/M cell cycle	[58]
	Asperphenin B	<i>Aspergillus</i> sp.	Cytotoxicity	[58]
	Allianthrone A	<i>A. alliaceus</i> (new strain, G4)	Cytotoxicity	[59]
	Allianthrone B	<i>A. alliaceu</i> -new strain, G4	Cytotoxicity	[59]
	Allianthrone C	<i>A. alliaceus</i> -new strain, G4	Cytotoxicity	[59]
	Penipacid A	<i>P. paneum</i> SD-44	Powerful Cytotoxicity	[60]
	Penipacid E	<i>P. paneum</i> SD-44	Powerfu- Cytotoxicity	[60]
Actinomycetes				
	Shellmycin A	<i>Streptomyces</i> Shell-016 sp.	Cytotoxicity	[61]
	Shellmycin B	<i>Streptomyces</i> Shell-016 sp.	Cytotoxicity	[61]
	Shellmycin C	<i>Streptomyces</i> Shell-016 sp.	Cytotoxicity	[61]
	Shellmycin D	<i>Streptomyces</i> Shell-016 sp.	Cytotoxicity	[61]
	Neaumycin B	<i>Micromonospora</i>	Cytotoxicity	[62]
	PM100117	<i>Streptomyces caniferus</i> GUA-06-05-006A	Cytotoxicity	[63]

PM100118	<i>Streptomyces caniferus</i> GUA-06-05-006A	Cytotoxicity	[63]
Compound 2	<i>Streptomyces cacaoi</i>	Inhibit autophagy; induce apoptosis	[64]



Mycophenolic acid

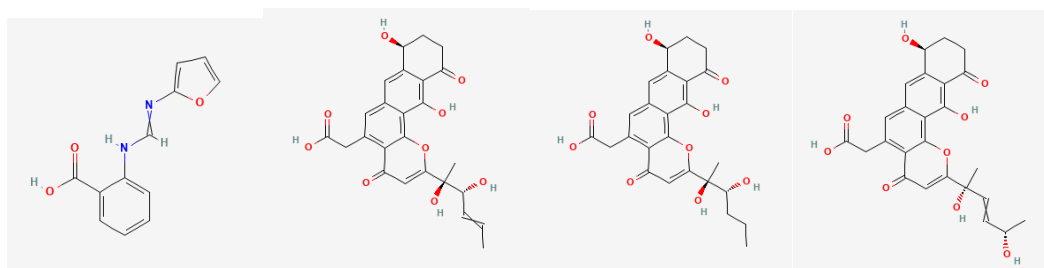
Trichothecin Asperphenin A Asperphenin B



Allianthrone A

Allianthrone BA Allanthrone C

Penipacid A

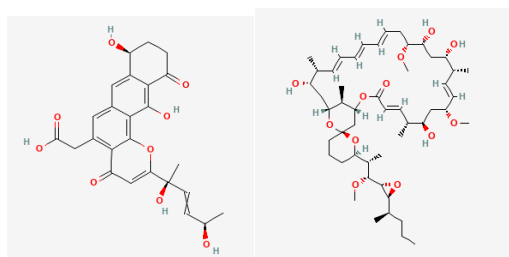


Penipacid E

Shellmycin-A

Shellmycin-B

Shellmycin-C

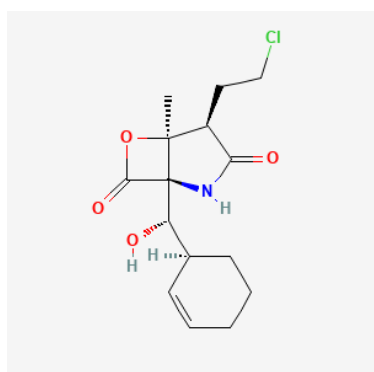


Shellmycin-D

Neaumycin B

A number of substances derived from marine sources have demonstrated encouraging anticancer properties, either by eliminating cancer cells directly or by altering pathways that contribute to the spread of cancer. These compounds' unique chemical structures frequently allow them to interact with biological targets in ways that compounds derived from the earth cannot, providing new avenues for the fight against cancer cells [65,66].

Salinosporamide A is a potent proteasome inhibitor isolated from the marine bacterium *Salinispora tropica*, which blocks the 20S proteasome complex, which breaks down ubiquitinated proteins, permanently. It causes the buildup of misfolded proteins, which causes cell cycle arrest and apoptosis in cancer cells by blocking proteasome activity. This mechanism works especially well in cancer cells, which mainly depend on the activity of proteasomes to survive. It causes CRC cells to undergo apoptosis and increases the potency of other chemotherapeutic drugs [67,68]. The process of programmed cell death known as apoptosis is frequently misregulated in cancerous cells. Through the restoration of CRC cells' capacity for apoptosis, these substances have the ability to successfully inhibit tumor growth and avert metastasis. The development of new blood vessels, or angiogenesis, is essential for the spread and growth of tumors. It has been demonstrated that substances derived from the sea inhibit angiogenesis by interfering with signaling pathways that encourage the formation of blood vessels. By depriving the tumor of vital nutrients and oxygen, this slows down the tumor's growth and hinders its ability to spread. Cancer cells spread from the original tumor to other parts of the body through a process called metastasis. Cell adhesion, migration, and invasion processes—all essential for metastasis—have been demonstrated to be disrupted by marine-derived substances such as salinosporamide A. These substances can aid in stopping the spread of CRC to other organs by focusing on these pathways [69-71].



Salinosporamide A

III. MARINE-MICROBES DERIVED COMPOUNDS –IN-VIVO STUDY OF ANTI-COLORECTAL CANCER

Compound	Species	Cancer Cell lines	Tumor formation in mice(mod e)	Compound delivery	Dosage	Suppression rate of tumor	Reference
Fungi							
Asperphenin A	<i>Aspergillus sp</i>	RKO	Subcutaneously injected into mice flanks	Injected Intraperitoneally	100mg/kg (3 times/week)	Tumor Inhibition rate 52.1%	[57]
Actinomycetes							

	Ohmyungsa mycin A	<i>Streptomyces</i> <i>sp.</i>	HCT -116	Subcutane ously injected into mice flanks	Oral	30mg/kg (alternati ve days)	Inhibitio n of tumor growth	[34]
Green alage								
	Caulerpin	<i>Caulerpa</i> <i>cylindracea</i>	SW4 80	Subcutane ously injected into mice right flanks	Injected Intraperito nially	8mg/kg (3 times/we ek)	Tumor Inhibitio n rate 68.7 ± 17.1%	[29]
	SPS-CF	<i>Capsosiphonful</i> <i>vescens</i>	HT- 29	Subcutane ously injected into mice back	Injected Intraperito nially	400mg/k g/day	Tumor Inhibitio n rate 20%	[72]
Brown algae								
	Fucoxanthi n	-	HT- 29	Subcutane ously injected into mice right femoral region	oral	2.5mg/kg (every 2/3 days)	Inhibitio n of tumor growth	[73]

Sustainable and ethical marine organism sourcing is one of the main obstacles to the development of drugs derived from marine organisms. A lot of marine species are endangered or hard to grow, which makes it hard to get enough bioactive compounds for developing new drugs. Technological developments in aquaculture, synthetic biology, and biotechnology are making it possible to produce marine-derived compounds sustainably, which is one way in which these challenges are being addressed. The synthesis and modification of marine natural products face significant challenges due to their structural complexity. Because of their complexity, it may be challenging to maximize the pharmacological qualities of these compounds or to produce them in large quantities. However, by making it possible to produce marine-derived compounds and their analogs efficiently, developments in synthetic chemistry and biosynthetic engineering are helping to overcome these difficulties [74,75].

Treatment effectiveness for colorectal cancer (CRC) is severely hampered by drug resistance. Marine-derived compounds, because of their distinct chemical makeup, present a promising solution to this problem. biological processes and structures. Novel bioactive substances found in marine environments include polysaccharides, terpenoids, alkaloids, and peptides that have shown strong anti-cancer effects. These substances have the ability to alter several signaling pathways, including Wnt/ β -catenin, MAPK, and PI3K/AKT, which are linked to the development of cancer and drug resistance. For example, substances derived from marine organisms like trabectedin and halichondrin B have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing tumor growth and disabling cancer cell resistance mechanisms. Furthermore, it has been discovered that marine polysaccharides like fucoidan, which induce apoptosis and inhibit metastasis, improve the efficacy of chemotherapy medications. combining substances derived from marine [76-78].

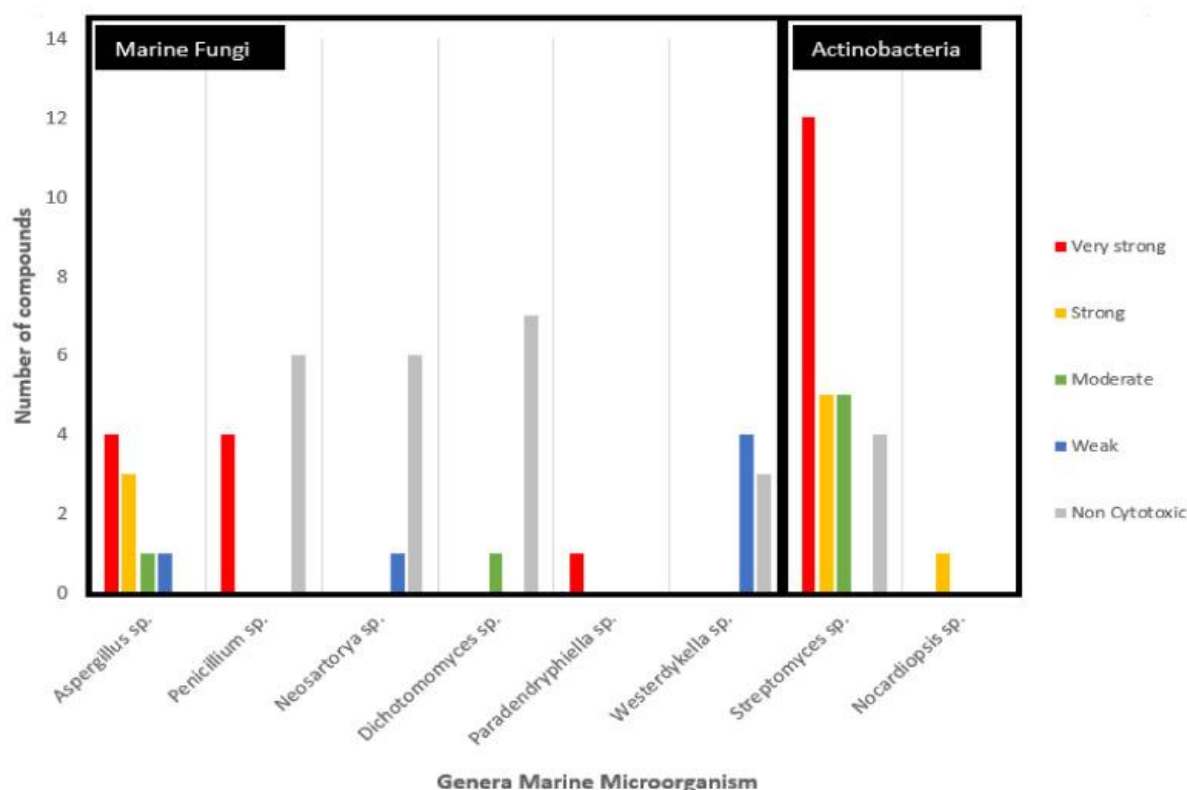


Fig. Anti-colorectal cancer compounds from different sps of marine fungi and actinobacteria [13].

IV. CONCLUSION

Secondary metabolites from marine microorganisms which include alkaloids, peptides, terpenes, etc, specifically those derived from the actinobacteria *Streptomyces sp.* and fungi *Penicillium sp.*, *Aspergillus sp.*, *Paradendryphiella sp.*, are potentially cytotoxic agents on colorectal cancer. The majority of the compounds are identified as diketopiperazines and indole alkaloids [13]. According to their molecular compositions, marine compounds such as terpenoids, polysaccharides, carotenoids, peptides, and alkaloids have been shown in vitro studies to have anti-colorectal cancer effects. Additionally, we have clarified the primary marine compounds' pharmacological mechanisms against colorectal cancer (CRC). These mechanisms involve preventing intracellular signal transduction, preventing angiogenesis, deactivating DNA polymerase, and activating caspase protein, cancer cell invasion and metastasis [7]. These secondary metabolites can act as novel substitutes for cytotoxic substances directed in opposition to the cell lines for colorectal cancer Caco-2, RKO, HT29, HCT15, and HCT116. The in vitro research provided an overview of the many compounds' marine origins and pharmacological actions, such as their promotion of tumor apoptosis, properties that inhibit migration, invasion, angiogenesis, and proliferation. According to tumor inhibition, hepatotoxicity, and nephrotoxicity, the in vivo research assessed the marine compounds' antitumor effects on mice/rats modeled by colorectal cancer. The primary chemical categories and mechanisms of the clinical drugs' actions that have received full and clinical endorsement for their anticancer properties in marine environments were compiled from the clinical studies. In this review various secondary metabolites like alkaloids, peptides, terpenes, polysaccharides, carotenoids, heterocyclic aromatic, polyether, polyhydroxyl compounds derived from marine algae, fungi actinomycetes and bacteria with their invitro anti-colorectal cancer activity were listed and as well as the compounds that are studied in in-vivo were listed which can be used in further studies for their mechanism of action and can be replaced instead of chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery.

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