

# *In Silico* Molecular Docking Approach of Some Selected Isolated Phytochemicals from *Phyllanthus Emblic* Against Breast Cancer



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## Abstract

Breast cancer is an increasing public health problem. One of the main causes of breast cancer is estrogen receptor alpha. Over expression of estrogen receptor is seen in number of cases of breast cancer. The aim of this study was to screen out the effective bioactive compounds from *Phyllanthus emblica* namely 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl, isocorilagin, kaempferol, kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside and quercetin which may be potential inhibitors of estrogen receptor alpha (ER- $\alpha$ ) for searching a drug against the breast cancer. A wide range of docking score found during molecular docking by Schrodinger. Among all the compounds isocorilagin showed best docking score towards estrogen receptor alpha. So, isocorilagin is the best compounds for selective inhibitors of estrogen receptor alpha, as it possessed best value in Molecular docking. Further in vitro and in vivo investigation need to identify estrogen receptor alpha inhibitory activity of isolated compounds from *Phyllanthus emblica*.

**Keywords:** Breast Cancer; Estrogen Receptor Alpha (ER- $\alpha$ ); *Phyllanthus Emblica*; Molecular Docking; Isocorilagin

## Introduction

Cancer is a gathering of infections including unusual cell growth. Cancer causing natural exposures incorporate substances, for example, the synthetic concoctions in tobacco smoke, and radiation, for example, UV Rays from the sun all cell development with the possibility to attack or spread to different parts of the body [1]. It is caused by specific changes to genes, the fundamental physical units of inheritance. Genes are orchestrated in long strands of firmly pressed DNA called chromosomes. Cancer causing natural exposures incorporate substances, for example, the synthetic concoctions in tobacco smoke, and radiation, for example, UV Rays from the sun [2-4]. Cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide. It accounted for 8.2 million deaths (around 22% of all deaths not related to communicable diseases; most recent data from WHO) [5]. Treatment differ as indicated by the sort and phase of the tumor. Most treatment are intended to fit the individual patient's illness. Be that as it may, most medications incorporate no less than one of the accompanying and may incorporate all: medical procedure, chemotherapy, and radiation treatment.

Breast cancer is an expanding medical issue. Breast cancer in women is a noteworthy general medical issue all through the world. It is the most widely recognized cancer among the women in developed and developing nations. It is the guideline reason for death from cancer among women all around. Breast cancer is cancer that creates from breast tissue. Cancer is a gathering of maladies that reason cells in the body to change and develop out of control. Most kinds of cancer cells in the end frame a lump or mass called a tumor and are named after the parts of the body where the tumor begins. The larger part of breast cancer start in the parts of the breast tissue that are comprised of organs for milk production, called lobules, and ducts that associate the lobules to the nipple [6-9]. Risk factors for creating breast cancer incorporate being female, obesity, absence of physical exercise, drinking alcohol, hormone substitution treatment amid menopause, ionizing radiation, early age at first menstruation, having kids late or not in the least, older age, earlier history of breast cancer, and family history<sup>5</sup>. Advances in screening and treatment have enhanced survival rates significantly

since 1989. There are around 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States (U.S.). The possibility of any lady passing on from breast cancer is around 1 of every 37, or 2.7 percent [10-12].

*Phyllanthus emblica* is a species of flowering plant of the genus *Phyllanthus* in the *Phyllanthaceae* family. It is planted through the deciduous of tropical India, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. The tree is little to medium in estimate, achieving 1– 8 m (3 ft 3 in– 26 ft 3 in) in stature. The branchlets are not glabrous or finely pubescent, 10– 20 cm (3.9– 7.9 in) long, typically deciduous; the leaves are straightforward, subsessile and firmly set along branchlets, light green, looking like pinnate clears out. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit is about round, light greenish yellow, very smooth and hard on appearance, with six vertical stripes or wrinkles [13-16]. The fruit, seed, leaves, root, bark and flowers are used in various Ayurvedic or Unani herbal preparations. It might be utilized as a rasayana to advance life span, and customarily to improve assimilation, treat constipation, lessen fever, sanitize the blood, decrease cough, mitigate asthma, reinforce the heart, advantage the eyes, fortify hair development, breath life into the body, and upgrade intellect [16,17]. Molecular docking is a basic instrument in the change of new prescriptions. Docking procedure grants portraying the direct of a test little molecule in the coupling site of the receptor target of interest.

A productive docking strategy must have the ability to adequately envision the local ligand represent the receptor limiting site (i.e. to find the trial ligand geometry inside a particular resistance confine ) and the related physical-compound sub-molecular affiliations [18-21]. The aim of this study was to screen out the effective bioactive compounds from *Phyllanthus emblica*,

which may be potential inhibitors of estrogen receptor alpha (ER- $\alpha$ ) in future and may act as a drug which may be effective in preventing the breast cancer.

## Methods and Materials

### Protein Preparation

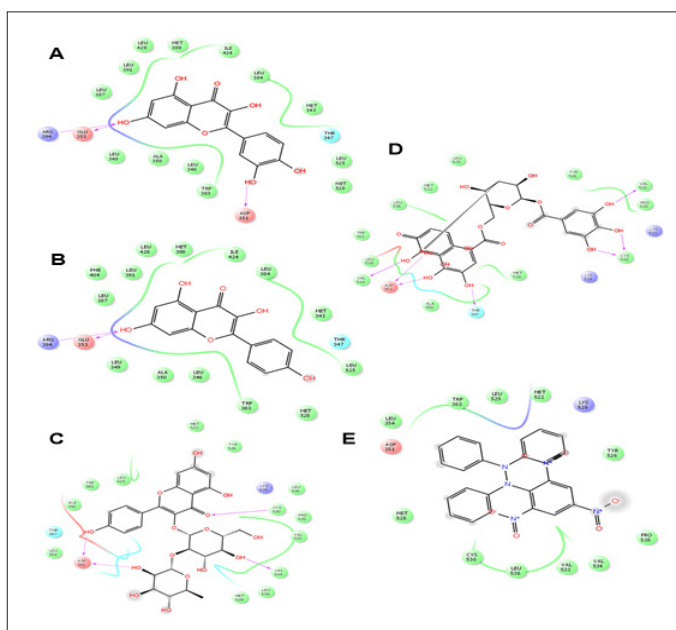
Three dimensional protein structure of HUMAN ESTROGEN RECEPTOR (PDB id: 3ERT) was downloaded in pdb deal with the protein databank [22,23]. Beginning there forward, structure was arranged and refined utilizing the Protein preparation Wizard of Schrödinger-Maestro v10.1. Charges and bond orders were doled out, hydrogens were added to the stunning particles, selenomethionines were changed over to methionines and all waters were killed. Utilizing power field OPLS\_2005, minimization was done setting most unprecedented impressive molecule RMSD (root-mean-square-deviation) to 0.30 Å.

### Ligand Preparation

Compounds were retrieved from PubChem databases i.e 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (CID 2735032), isocorilagin (CID 10077799), kaempferol (CID 5280863), kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside (CID 5318761) and quercetin (CID 5280343).

### Glide Standard Precision (Sp) Ligand Docking

SP versatile ligand docking was done in glide of Schrödinger-Maestro v10.124,25 inside which disciplines were connected with non-cis/trans amide bonds. Vander Waals scaling variable and fragmentary charge cutoff was being 0.80 and 0.15, just for ligand particles. Prop up scoring was performed on critically restricted positions and appeared as glide score. The best docked pose with most immaterial glide score regard was recorded for each ligand.



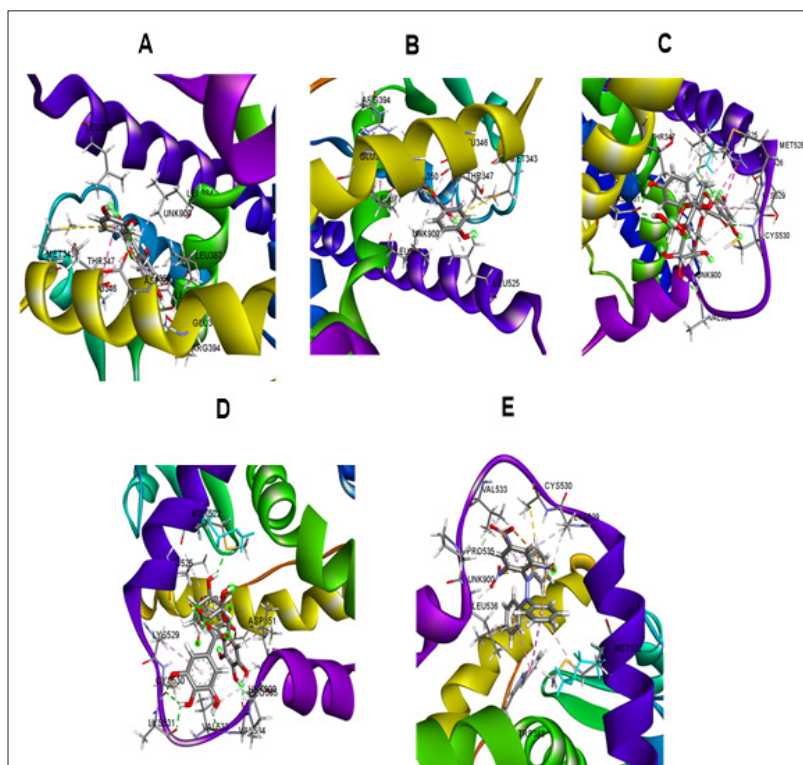
**Figure 1:** 2D representation of the interactions between the best pose found for quercetin (CID 5280343), kaempferol (CID 5280863), kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside (CID 5318761), isocorilagin (CID 10077799) and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (CID 2735032) with estrogen receptor alpha (PDB: 3ERT).

## Result

### In Silico Molecular Docking Analysis

Advances in computational techniques have enabled virtual screening to have a positive impact on the discovery process. Virtual screening utilizes docking and scoring of each compound from a dataset and the technique used is based on predicting the binding modes and binding affinities of each compound in the dataset by means of docking to an X-ray crystallographic structure [14]. Grid based docking study was used to analyze the binding modes of molecules with the amino acids present in the active pocket of the

protein [15] In order to study the interaction of the compounds, like quercetin (CID 5280343), kaempferol (CID 5280863), kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside (CID 5318761), isocorilagin (CID 10077799) and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (CID 2735032), with estrogen receptor alpha (ER- $\alpha$ ). We performed Glide docking analysis by Schrodinger suite v10.1, where among of these compounds isocorilagin shows best docking score shown in Table 1. The negative and low value of free energy of binding demonstrates a strong favorable bond between 3ERT and isocorilagin in most favourable conformations. The results of docking analysis were described in Table 1 and the docking figure showed in Figures 1 & 2.



**Figure 2:** Best ranked pose of quercetin (CID 5280343), kaempferol (CID 5280863), kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside (CID 5318761), isocorilagin (CID 10077799) and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (CID 2735032) in the binding pocket of estrogen receptor alpha (PDB: 3ERT).

**Table 1:** Docking results of quercetin (CID 5280343), kaempferol (CID 5280863), kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside (CID 5318761), isocorilagin (CID 10077799) and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (CID 2735032) with estrogen receptor alpha (PDB: 3ERT).

Compound Name	Compound ID	Docking Score
quercetin	5280343	-7.572
kaempferol	5280863	-7.665
kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside	5318761	-6.77
isocorilagin	10077799	-7.901
1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl	2735032	-5.063

## Discussion

Breast cancer is known as a death sentence and second major cause of death in world. Ratio of breast cancer in is one in nine in case of women [26]. Main cause of breast cancer is over expression of estrogen receptor alpha. Therefore ER- $\alpha$  is used as a target for prevention of breast cancer. Tamoxifen is an antagonist of ER- $\alpha$  and commercially available as a drug to control the breast cancer [27]. It binds with Arg394 and blocks the function of estrogen receptor and inhibits the function of ER- $\alpha$  [28]. Docking allows the scientist to virtually screen a database of compounds and predict the strongest binders based on various scoring functions. It explores ways in which two molecules, such as drugs and an enzyme Human estrogen receptor fit together and dock to each other well, like pieces of a three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle. The molecules

binding to a receptor, inhibit its function, and thus act as drug. In recent research, computer aided drug designing (CADD) helps the researcher to decrease the time and money for drug designing projects [29]. Molecular docking is very helpful in studying the interactions of ligand molecules with the target protein before its *in vitro* synthesis. Docking is performed through computer programs like Maestro.

To screen out the effective bioactive compounds from *Phyllanthus emblica* namely quercetin, kaempferol, kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside, isocorilagin and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl which may be potential inhibitors of estrogen receptor alpha (ER- $\alpha$ ) for searching a drug against the breast cancer. We performed Glide docking analysis by Schrodinger suite v10.1. A wide range of docking score found during molecular docking. quercetin, kaempferol, kaempferol 3-beta-D-glucopyranoside, isocorilagin and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl showed the docking score -7.572 kJ/mol, -7.665 kJ/mol, -6.77 kJ/mol, -7.901 kJ/mol and -5.063 kJ/mol respectively. Among of these compounds isocorilagin shows highest docking score shown in Table 1. The negative and low value of free energy of binding demonstrates a strong favorable bond between 3ERT and isocorilagin in most favourable conformations.

## Conclusion

Among all the compounds isocorilagin showed best docking score towards estrogen receptor alpha. So, isocorilagin is the best compounds for selective inhibitors of estrogen receptor alpha as it possessed best value in Molecular docking. Further *in vitro* and *in vivo* investigation need to identify estrogen receptor alpha inhibitory activity of isolated compounds from *Phyllanthus emblica*.

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