

1 Phenolic Compounds from Plants -An Important Class of 2 Phytomedicine in Wrestle against Cancer-A Review

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6 **Abstract**

7 Phenolic and Polyphenolic are important compounds from the class of phytomedicine and are
8 widely distributed in the plant kingdom. Over the years, an increasing amount of interest has
9 been vastly drawn into the plant polyphenolic mainly because these compounds have shown
10 tremendous efficacy in the treatment of oxidative stress-related diseases such as cancer.
11 Currently, much medical investigations are conducted on plant phenolic for improving their
12 identification and development for better therapeutic efficacy in the fight against different
13 types of cancers. We aim to update and provide an extensive overview of the mechanism of
14 action and the role of phenolic compounds in the treatment of tumor. The various databases
15 used to conduct the literature survey are (Pub Med Central, Scopus, Research Gate,
16 EMBASE, Google Scholar, Science Direct, Sci ELO, PLoS (Public Library of Science). In the
17 first stage it includes different types of cancers and their biomarkers. In second stage, different
18 phenolic compounds in plants and their role in the cancer treatment. Finally, to find out the
19 mechanism of action and clinical status of phenolic compounds against different biomarkers
20 and the mechanism of action of phenolic and polyphenolic compounds against cancer and its
21 biomarkers with their antioxidant activity.

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23 **Index terms**— plant phenolic; antioxidant; anticancer; pro-oxidant.

24 **1 Introduction**

25 The term cancer is related to uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in which the immune system fails to control these
26 cells that leads to uncontrollable multiplication and spreadability to different parts of the body. [1] Despite the
27 advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, [2] the mortality rate by cancer has been progressively
28 increasing worldwide. [3] In 2018, the mortality by different cancers such as; Lung (1.76 million), Colorectal
29 (8,62,000 deaths), Stomach (7,83,000), Liver (782,000 deaths), Breast (627,000 deaths). The number of deaths
30 (9.6 million), new cases of cancers (17 million) in which male population (8.8 million) and female population (8.2
31 million) reported in 2018. It is expected that new cases will increase up to 27.5 million by 2040 representing
32 61.7% increment from 2018. [5] [6] II.

33 **2 Cancer and Types of Cancer**

34 Melanoma skin cancer develops from the melanocytes usually on the chest and back part of the body. Basal
35 cell and squamous cell cancers are the most predominant skin cancers and not spread to other parts of the
36 body. [6] [7] The oral cavity cancer develops in the mouth, while oropharyngeal cancer begins in the oropharynx.
37 They develop from squamous cell carcinomas, verrucous, minor salivary gland carcinoma, and lymphoma. [7]
38 Lung cancer develops in lung tissues, especially in the air passages of cells lining and further categorized into
39 non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), small cell lung cancer (SCLC), Mesothelioma. [8] [9] Gastric cancer is
40 triggered by Helicobacter Pylori, dietary patterns, socioeconomic status, genetic predisposition, environmental
41 factors. [10] Colon and Rectal cancer are known as single tumor entity; hence, it is called colorectal cancer.
42 Colorectal cancer involves the cancer formation in the colon, rectum and in the appendix. [11] [12] Kidney cancer

9 G) BIOMARKERS IN PANCREATIC CANCER

43 is abnormal kidney cell growth and further categorized into renal cell carcinoma, transitional cell carcinoma,
44 nephroblastoma. [13] Urinary Bladder Cancer is the uncontrolled growth of the cells of bladder and without
45 treatment cancer cells can spread to other tissues of the body. Bladder cancer includes urothelial carcinoma
46 (transitional cell carcinoma), squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, and small cell carcinoma. [13] [14]
47 Leukemia is part of the heterogeneous group of cancers linked with the hematopoietic system and characterized
48 by uncontrolled proliferation of leukocytes in bone marrow. It is divided into lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL),
49 acute myeloid leukemia (AML), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), and chronic myeloid leukemia (CML). [15]
50 [16] T Ovarian cancer is not necessarily from ovarian but can originate from the fallopian tube. There are various
51 types of ovarian cancers such as epithelial ovarian tumors, ovarian germ cell tumors, and ovarian stromal tumors.
52 [17] [18] III.

53 3 Different Cancer Biomarkers

54 Biomarkers are biological molecules present in blood, tissues, lymph and they serve as a signaling agent for
55 normal or abnormal functioning of the body. Biomarkers include proteins, nucleic acid, antibodies, peptides and
56 others that give the indication of disease due to alteration in the germline or somatic mutations, transcriptional
57 and post-translational alteration and also changes like in gene expression, metabolic and proteomic changes
58 can also serve as biomarkers. [19] Biomarkers can be classified based on disease state (prediction biomarkers,
59 detection biomarkers, diagnostic biomarkers, prognosis biomarkers), based on biomolecules (DNA biomarkers,
60 RNA biomarkers, protein biomarkers, and based on other criteria (imaging biomarkers, pathological biomarkers,
61 in-silico biomarkers). [20] Cancer biomarkers can further be categorized into the following classes: a) Prognostic
62 biomarkers Prognostic biomarkers which help in predicting the cancer and its nature course that differentiate
63 between good and poor tumor outcome as well as how strong the treatment is to be done, [21] Predictive markers
64 provide upfront information about the possible success or failure of a specific treatment, [22] Pharmacodynamic
65 markers provide information on the effectiveness of the drugs on the body which incorporate the drug effect on the
66 target cancer cell and also provide the effect of the body towards the drug including the absorption, distribution,
67 metabolism and elimination of the drug. These markers are also important in the dose optimization which does
68 not reach to the cytotoxic levels, diagnosis biomarkers are very important due to the fact that they are probably
69 present in the early stages of cancer which include calcitonin in medullary thyroid cancer. [20]

70 4 b) Ovarian cancer biomarkers

71 Various biomarkers are currently being used in the efficient detection of ovarian cancer as shown in (Fig. ??),
72 and new generation of biomarkers for ovarian cancer is under clinical trial. ??23] [24] Fig. ??: Schematic
73 representation of different biomarkers used in the detection of ovarian cancer. Breast cancer type 1 susceptibility
74 protein (BRCA1), Carbohydrate antigen 125 (CA 125), Human epididymis protein 4 (HE4), HE4 + CA125,
75 Prostasin + CA 125, Kallikrein-related Peptidase 6 (KLK6), KLK6 + CA 125, B7-H4, B7-H4 + CA 125,
76 Osteopontin biomarker which help in prediction of ovarian cancer.

77 5 c) Acute myeloid leukemia biomarker

78 Various biomarkers are currently being used in the efficient detection of ovarian cancer as shown in (Fig. ??).
79 ??25] [26] Fig. ??: Schematic representation of different biomarkers used in the detection of acute myeloid
80 leukemia. MLL-AML, Promyelocytic leukemia/retinoic acid receptor alpha (PML-RARA) markers for diagnosis
81 and monitoring of acute myeloid leukemia.

82 6 d) Biomarkers in urinary bladder cancer

83 For the detection of bladder cancer, various biomarkers have been used as shown in Fig. 3). ??27] [28] Phenolic
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85 7 e) Biomarkers in colorectal cancer

86 The following markers (Fig. ??) are used in the detection of colorectal cancer. ??29] [30] [31] [32] Fig. ??:
87 Schematic representation of different biomarkers used in the detection of colorectal cancer. POLE (DNA
88 polymerase epsilon) and POLD1 (DNA polymerase delta 1) mutations, DNA MMR genes/MSI, EGFR/HER
89 family, TP53-APC/?-catenin, KRAS (Kristen rat sarcoma virus), Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA), Epidermal
90 growth factor receptor (EGFR).

91 8 f) Biomarkers for detection of lung cancer

92 For the detection of lung cancer, various biomarkers are used as shown in Fig. 5 [30] [9] [33] [34] Urinary Bladder
93 Cancer

94 9 g) Biomarkers in pancreatic cancer

95 The following (Fig. 6) represent genetic biomarkers used in pancreatic cancer detection along with (tissues
96 biomarkers). [35]

97 10 h) Biomarkers in cervical cancer

98 The following biomarkers are used for detection of cervical cancer (Fig. ??). [24] Fig. ??: Schematic
99 representation of different biomarkers used in the detection of cervical cancer. Squamous cell carcinoma antigen,
100 CEA, CA 125, and cytokeratins (TPA, tissue polypeptide specific antigen-TPS, CYFRA 21-1).

101 11 i) Biomarkers in breast cancer

102 For the detection of breast cancer the following biomarkers are used (Fig. 8). [36] Phenolic Compounds from
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105 12 Phenolic Compounds in the Prevention of Cancer Formation

106 The factors that can contribute significantly to the formation of cancer include intrinsic risk (random error in DNA
107 replication), extrinsic risk further divided into endogenous risk factors (biological aging, genetic susceptibility,
108 DNA repair mechanism, hormones, growth factors, inflammation) and exogenous risk factors (radiation, chemical
109 carcinogens, tumorcausing viruses, bad lifestyle like smoking, lack of exercise, nutrient). ??37] [38] Phenolic
110 compounds are well documented for their anticancer properties by reducing intrinsic and extrinsic factors and
111 by interfering with the metabolism of pro-carcinogens by regulating the expression of cytochrome P450 enzymes.
112 Increase the excretion by increasing the expression of conjugating enzymes phase II. Production of toxic quinones
113 which is the substrate of this enzyme in the body, thus, their absorption can stimulate detoxication activity
114 which will result in protection against toxic xenobiotics. Polyphenolic compounds like quercetin, catechins,
115 isoflavones, lignans, Flavanones, red wine polyphenols, resveratrol, and curcumin can stimulate apoptosis of
116 tumor cells and inhibit angiogenesis; thus reducing the growth of tumor. [39] The increasing threat from the
117 free radicals in current days enhances the importance and use of phenolic compounds. Free radicals can worsen
118 the already existing pathological condition, trigger the onset of action of disease and eventually develop new
119 pathological conditions. Thus, phenolic compounds can play an important role in preventing this disease e.g.
120 cancer, neurodegenerative diseases. Phenolic compounds offer a prominent capacity in providing the oxidative
121 balance in the body by protecting against oxidative reactions, oxidants, and reactive species. Phenolic compounds
122 are chemically different. Thus, they show their action through different polyvalence reactions, by enhancing the
123 potential of some compounds, blocking the side effects of other compounds and presenting other biological
124 activities used as antibacterial, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, Alzheimer. [40]
125 Many components from plants are subjected to an exhaustive study on their antioxidant properties. [41] The
126 importance of plants is vastly used in the treatment and prevention of cancer. [42] Antioxidants act by complexing
127 metal ions, scavenging of free radicals, and the decomposition of peroxides. Most of the anticancer drugs available
128 today about 60% derived from the plant source. ??43] [44] Phenolic is made up of aromatic ring which is made up
129 of one or more hydroxyl group, and it is present in many flowering plants, vegetative organs, in flowers and many
130 fruits, cereals, seeds. [45] The phenolic hydroxyl group, however, is influenced by the presence of the aromatic
131 ring. Due to this aromatic ring, the hydrogen of the phenolic hydroxyl is labile, which makes phenols weak acids.
132 [46] These compounds action is not solely owned by their antioxidant effects but also antiviral, immune-stimulant,
133 antibacterial, estrogenic effects, cytotoxic properties in various tumor cells. [47] Plant phenols are grouped into
134 simple and complex phenolic acids. Simple phenolic acids are divided into benzoic acid and cinnamic acid. The
135 complex phenolic acid is divided into three classes (Tannins, Flavonoids, and Stilbenes). [48] Phenolic compounds
136 have been classified into different groups as described below in Fig. 9. V.

137 13 Mechanism of Action of Various Phenolic Compounds in 138 Cancer Development

139 Phenolic compounds have shown cancer prevention ability in the different type of cancers.

140 14 a) Activity of phenolic compounds against prostate cancer

141 Delphinidin has the ability to inhibit cell growth and promote caspase-mediated apoptosis which leads to
142 tumor size reduction, this was observed by in-vitro human cell lines and in-vivo murine models assay, 7-
143 hydroxymatairesinol which can inhibit tumor growth and stop tumor cell proliferation this was observed by
144 in-vivo murine assay, Caffeic acid through LNCap cell lines assay have shown the ability to inhibit tumor cells
145 growth, Ferulic acid by PC-3 cell lines assay have presented inhibitory effect on tumor size ultimately leading
146 to apoptosis. [49] b) Activity of phenolic compounds against leukemia cancer Delphinidin-3-sambubioside can
147 lead to inhibition of Caspase-3,8 and 9 ultimately leading to apoptosis activation which was observed by in-vitro
148 human cell lines assay, Podophyllotoxin and polyethylene by in-vitro human cell lines have shown better tumor
149 inhibition as compared to podophyllotoxin alone, [50] Podophyllotoxin and fatty acids analogs possess cytotoxic
150 effects towards cancer cells and low toxicity towards sane cells, this was seen by in-vitro human cell lines assay.
151 [51] c) Activities of phenolic compounds against lung cancer Cyaniding-3-rutinoside and cyaniding-3glucoside by
152 in-vitro human cell lines assay have shown dose-dependent tumor inhibitory effect, p-coumaric acid by A549 assay
153 have present tumor inhibitory activity, Quercetin in PEG 400 liposomes possess Tumor inhibition activity which

17 H) ACTIVITY OF PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS AGAINST BLADDER CANCER

154 leads to apoptosis has seen in in-vivo murine models assay. [52] d) Activity of phenolic compounds against gastric
155 cancer Cyanidin-3-O-glucoside through in-vivo human cell lines assay demonstrated a decrease in cell proliferation
156 and morphological changes which ultimately lead to apoptosis. [53]

15 e) Activity of phenolic compounds against skin cancer

158 Ferulic acid through in-vivo murine cells assay have shown the ability to prevent the tumor formation, Kraft lignins
159 by in-vitro human cell lines and in-vivo murine cell lines assay have shown Adsorption to nitrosamines DNA
160 protective effect against tumor, Resveratrol have shown inhibition of pre-neoplastic lesions and tumorigenesis
161 inhibition has seen in in-vivo murine xenografts assay. [54]

16 f) Activity of phenolic compounds against colon cancer

163 Cinnamic acid through HT-29 cell line assay have shown inhibition of tumor growth, p-coumaric acid through
164 SW-620 cell line assay has shown inhibition of tumor size growth. [55] g) Activity of phenolic compounds against
165 breast cancer Gallic acid can lead to tumor size reduction has seen in MDA-MB-231 cell line assay, Caffeic acid
166 can cause inhibition of tumor growth, and apoptosis demonstrated by MDA-HB-231 assay. [56]

17 h) Activity of phenolic compounds against bladder cancer

168 Dicoumarol can lead to enhancement of the anticancer effect of the drug which is shown by in-vitro human cell line
169 assay. [57] i) Activity of phenolic compounds against renal cell cancer Daphnetin with the help of in-vitro human
170 cell line assay has shown activation of P 38 cell cycle arrest, coumarin through epidemiological studies assay has
171 shown enhancement of the anticancer effect of various drugs used in renal carcinoma. [58] Due to the difference
172 in the structures and molecular targets the anticancer activity differs among the various phenolic compounds.
173 Antioxidant and in-vitro anticancer activities of phenolics isolated from sugar beet molasses. Phenolic compounds
174 that possess a greater number of hydroxylic groups show better anticancer activity in comparison with -OCH₃
175 moieties. [59] Plant polyphenols has shown therapeutic effects as antioxidants and free radicals scavengers not
176 only against cancer but also against pro-oxidation, anti-diabetic, LDL oxidation, antibacterial, antiviral, anti-
177 inflammatory, anti-allergic, lipid-lowering, and anti-aging. [60] Cancer development is divided into various stages
178 for example initiation, promotion, progression, invasion, and metastasis. The mechanism of action of phenolic
179 compounds in various stages of cancer progression is described in Fig. ??0. [61] Fig. ??0: Mechanism of action
180 of phenolic compounds in tumor development.

181 Phenolic compounds plays different role against oxidation pathways and free radicals, oncogenic pathway,
182 tumor suppression pathway, cytokine cell differentiation pathway, matrix metalloproteinases, Cyclin-dependent
183 Kinases (CDKs) and Anaphase-promoting enzymatic complex (APC/C), p53, Bcl-2 markers, estrogen receptors
184 (ER's), HER2 markers, TPA and DMBA markers against cancer. [62] VI. Phenolic Role against Oxidation
185 Pathways and free Radicals

186 Oxidative stress means lack in the balance between oxidant by-products and the antioxidant defense system
187 which is directly associated with metabolism and the antioxidant defense mechanism. [63] Enzymes like catalase,
188 superoxide dismutase, and glutathione peroxidase constitute the antioxidant defense system. [64] In some disease
189 condition or in depletion of antioxidant these controls the mechanism is not sufficient and oxidant by-products
190 which can lead to DNA damage protein and lipids. [65] Mitochondria, phagocytic cells, peroxisome fatty acid,
191 and certain enzymes are responsible for the production of oxidant by-products in cells. Exposure to cigarette
192 smoke, excessive iron and copper intake by diet can as well lead to oxidative stress. Superoxide anion radicals,
193 hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radicals, chain reaction mechanism in lipids and nitric oxide radicals outstand as the
194 most important oxidative by-product of cells. ??65] [66] The chain reaction mechanism can be classified into the
195 following steps: ? Initiation step (where the free radicals are formed); ? Propagation step (where free radicals
196 converted into other radicals); ? Termination step (where two radicals combine with the formation of stable
197 products). Initiation: ROOH[·] + RO[·] + H → ROOH[·] + RO[·] + OH[·] Propagation: RO[·] + O₂ → RO[·] + O₂[·] Termination: RO[·] + RO[·] → ROOR

198 Phenolic compounds often referred to polyphenols are compounds with one or more aromatic ring(s) having
199 hydroxyl substituent(s), and obtained from the plant secondary metabolite. The antioxidant activity varies
200 depending on the structure of the compound. Flavonoids stand as the most prominent antioxidant compound
201 as compared to others because they scavenge reactive oxygen species and nitrogen-reactive species in a much
202 faster rate. They also scavenge superoxide, hydroxyl, peroxy radicals, peroxy nitrous acid, and hypochlorous acid.
203 Despite the tremendous advantages of phenolic compounds as an antioxidant agent, only a certain number of
204 phenolic compounds have been approved for used in formulations and food products due to the risk of toxicity or
205 carcinogenic effect. [67] Degenerative diseases like arteriosclerosis and cancer are the result of free radicals and
206 lipid peroxidation. A successful antioxidant activity of a phenolic compound against lipid oxidation is associated
207 with the free radical scavenging activity of the phenolic compound. [68] The action of phenolic compounds in
208 scavenging free radicals is due to their structure base on the fact that phenolic hydroxyl groups are prone to
209 donate a hydrogen atom or an electron to a free radical. Also, because extended conjugated aromatic system to
210 delocalize an unpaired electron. e.g., Resveratrol, a phenolic compound acts as an antioxidant found in grapes,

212 red wine, peanuts, chocolate, certain berries, and possess a strong antioxidant effect, having large number of
213 health benefits in various studies. [66] OH HO OH

214 **18 Resveratrol a) Phenolic role against the oncogenic pathway**

215 The oncogene is the result of mutations in the proto-oncogenes. This mutation allows oncogenes to make protein
216 coding which allows cancer cells to proliferate and survive in the different environment. There is no need for the
217 mutant B-Raf to translocate and associate with Ras protein to show enzymatic activity. [69] Thus, this results
218 in uncontrolled proliferation of cancer cells which results in malignant metastatic tumor formation. [70] Various
219 compounds have demonstrated their capacity in inhibiting cancer proliferation, for example caffeic acid inhibited
220 metastasis of cancer in the colon. In the same way protocatechuic acid inhibited NF-K? and MAPK does control
221 the proliferation of lung and gastric carcinoma cells. Ferulic acid and caffeic acid phenyl ester have shown down
222 regulation of phosphorylated P13K and AKT which inhibited melanoma cells proliferation as well as induced
223 apoptosis. [71] OH O HO

224 **19 HO**

225 **20 Caffeic acid**

226 **21 COOH OH OH**

227 **22 Ferulic acid b) Phenolic role against tumor suppression 228 pathway**

229 The function of a tumor-suppression gene is to protect the normal cells or healthy cells by preventing oncogenic
230 transformation into cancer or unhealthy cells. The example of tumor suppressors includes p53, PTEN, Rb proteins
231 which prevent DNA damage caused by dyes, high-intensity radiation. [72] Despite this action, tumor suppressors
232 also help in scavenging the damaged cells through the process of apoptosis. Resveratrol, a stilbene compound
233 can also increase the expression of p53 in cervical cancer and inhibit the growth of ME180 cells. ??73] [74] c)
234 Phenolic role against cytokine and cell differentiation pathways Interferons, interleukins, tumor necrosis factor,
235 lymphokines are known as cytokines and are involved in cell signaling, development, and immune responses. The
236 release of these cytokines in uncontrolled fashion will result in either oxidative stress or chronic inflammation,
237 thus malignancy in the normal cells. [75] Myc-c is the gene that regulates 70% of cancers. The mutation of Myc-c
238 will result in unsuccessful control of differentiation of cells. Myc-c is actively involved in cell cycle regulation
239 metabolism, differentiation, and cell growth. Thus, the phenolic compounds for example curcumin that can
240 inhibit cytokines proliferation are important anticancer agents.

241 **23 Curcumin d) Phenolic role against matrix metallopro- 242 teinases enzyme**

243 Cancerous cells exhibit high degradation of extracellular matrix of a healthy cell to promote tumor invasion
244 and metastasis; this is the characteristic of matrix metalloproteinase which are endopeptidase. Molecules like
245 protocatechuic acid, ferulic acid are capable of inhibit MMP and can also stop growth of tumor cells. [77]
246 The derivatives of cinnamic acid for example CAA and CAPE can inhibit MMP-9 and MMP-2 activities, thus
247 prevent hepatoma cells growth and metastasis. Hence, phenolic derivatives with MMP inhibition characteristics
248 can prevent metastatic spreading of cancerous cells. [78] HO HO O

249 **24 OH**

250 **25 Protocatechuic acid e) Phenolic role against Cyclin- 251 dependent Kinases (CDKs) and Anaphase-promoting 252 enzymatic complex (APC/C)**

253 The regulation of CDK complexes is the result of binding of p21 and p27 with CDK, thus, the cell cycle activity
254 is controlled due to the polyphenolic modulating activity on cyclins, APC/C or CDK. [79] In colon cancer
255 polyphenolic compounds have shown cell-cycle arrest activity in S and G2/M phases and HCT-116 cells. The
256 decrease in cyclin A and D1 levels by polyphenolic compounds for example red grape wine polyphenol, phenolic
257 acids, flavonoids, carotenes causes cell-cycle arrest in MCF-7 cells in breast cancer. [80] O In various functions
258 associated with cellular stress, cell proliferation, and death the tumor suppressor p53 is activated. Several
259 researches have shown that plant phenolic and extracts possess the ability to activate p53 or p53 mediated
260 pathway. In the first approach demonstrated that plant phenolic like taxifolin and quercetin possess the ability
261 to disrupt interactions between Mdm2 and p53, thus, the degradation of p53 is completely prevented. [81] O
262 HO The use of polyphenolic compounds for example Ellagic acid (EA) can decrease the expression of Bcl-2 in
263 breast cancer and increase p21 levels by phosphatidylinositol-3, 4, 5-triphosphate-3-phosphatase which lead to

264 tumor apoptosis. [80] The effect of polyphenolic compound on estrogen is mainly due to the similar structure
265 of flavonoids, isoflavones, Lignans and estrogen. Epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) participates in the regulation
266 of ER by down regulating the ER-? protein, gene promoter and mRNA actions in MCF-7 and ER. [80] i)
267 Polyphenolic role against Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) HER2 can spread by homo-or
268 hetero-dimerize in addition with other HER upon its activation by activating P13K/AKT and Ras/MAPK.
269 Polyphenolic compounds for example extra-virgin olive oil polyphenols, lignans can decrease HER2 activation
270 or they can inhibit HER2 expression. The blocking of HER2 occurs by preventing ATP to bind with tyrosine
271 kinase, suppression activity on pathways of HER2/HER3-PI3K/AKT, and another mechanism also includes the
272 inhibition of binding between HER2-Hsp90. [80] OO O O O R 2 O R 3 R 1 O H 3 CO HO O OCH 3 OH OH O
273 O OCH 3 OH OCH 3 HO H 3 CO OCH 3

274 **26 Olive oil Lariciresinol (LAR) Syringaresinol (SYR) j)
275 Polyphenolic compounds role against TPA and DMBA
276 markers**

277 The promoter of 12-O-tetradecanoyl phorbol-13-acetate (TPA) is inhibited by phenolic compounds which include
278 protection against UVB light and induce apoptosis. Polyphenols for example polyphenol of green tea tannins,
279 curcumin, phenolic acid, polyphenols in black tea and green tea can inhibit 7, 12-dimethyl benzene (a) anthracene
280 (DMBA) even after the process was already initiated and TPA promotion has taken place. [81] Polyphenols
281 can inhibit the cellular signaling in NF- κ B, thus, results in apoptosis by the activation of DNA-PK-p53. [82]
282 The inhibition DMBA/TPA-induced skin cancer can result in the inhibition of the skin tumor by blocking the
283 inflammation promoter which includes interleukins which decreased Ha CaT cells by blocking the pathways of
284 MAPK. The inhibition of 13 cis-retinoic acid also contributes in inhibition of skin tumor. [83]

285 **27 Flavonoids Role in Cancer**

286 They are polyphenols with 15 carbon atoms, two aromatic rings bound through a three carbon chain (C6-C3-
287 C6) which can eventually be part of a third ring. The chemical diversity of these compounds derived from this
288 carbon skeleton. These compounds can exist in free or conjugated forms in nature esterified to one or two sugar
289 molecules through one hydroxyl group (O-glucosides, O-Gluc). [85] They inhibit the formation of reactive species
290 by chelating the metal ion, for example, iron and copper. Flavonoids can also present bio-molecular damage by
291 peroxynitrite in vitro, inhibit activation of the carcinogenic metabolite, cell-cycle arrest through apoptosis, and
292 prevent proliferation and angiogenesis. Apigenin, it stops the cell adhesion and invasion, decreases diolepoxyde
293 2 formations, inhibits mitochondrial proton F0F1-AT Pase/ ATP, inhibits prostaglandin and IL-6, 8 production,
294 prevents expression of intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1). Genistein, luteolin, quercetin, and silymarin,
295 has shown antimutagenic and antiangiogenesis activities. Sylimarine can inhibit apoptosis and inhibit protein
296 kinases whith MAPK. [86] Quercetin anticancer activity is the result of its action on caspases-3 inhibition,
297 lymphocyte tyrosine kinase inhibition, telomerase inhibition, protein kinase inhibition and its effect on increasing
298 the expression of quinine oxide reductase, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate. Daidzein, hesperetin,
299 Kaempferol, and myrcetin have presented anti-inflammatory characteristics. [87] [88]

300 **28 c) Lignans activity on cancer**

301 These are dimmers having two C 6 -C 3 units from the tail-to-tail linkage of two conifers. Example of this
302 compound includes Sesamol and its glucoside. [89] Lignans have presented antimutagenic activity regulation of
303 enzyme expression, antiangiogenic activity which can result in cell-cycle arrest and apoptosis in breast cancer.
304 Sesamin has shown an effect on leukemia, breast and stomach cancer by acting as an antioxidant, triggering
305 apoptosis and cell-cycle arrest. [90] OO O O O O H H

306 **29 Sesamin d) Coumarins activity on cancer**

307 Coumarins along with 7-hydroxycoumarin can inhibit cell proliferation and stop cell-cycle; thus, result in
308 apoptosis. Esculetin (6, 7-hydroxycoumarin) can inhibit lipoxygenase and prevent the proliferation. [91] O O HO
309 HO Casuarinin inhibit progression of the cell cycle in G0/G1 which results in apoptosis in breast cancer. [74] e)
310 Phenolic acids activity on cancer It counts for about 30% of dietary polyphenols and second most abundant in the
311 polyphenolic family. Phenolic compounds have been divided into various classes, for example, Hydroxycinnamic
312 acid including caffeic acid, ferulic acid and also into Hydroxybenzoic acid, for instance, gallic acid. [92] All these
313 compounds have shown efficacy as an anticancer and antimetastatic agent as well as effects on mesenchymal
314 characteristics of cancerous cells. [93] [94] [95] Various phenolic drugs are obtained from the botanical source and
315 few of these drugs.

316 **30 O OH OH OH HO**

317 **31 Gallic acid f) Quinones activity on cancer**

318 These are phenolic antioxidants obtained naturally. Purpurin, and alizarin were the most effective quinones.
319 Emodin, chrysazine, rhein, chrysophanol, and aloe-emodin were also active but with less great extent due to
320 the absence of ortho-dihydroxy structure. While catechol structure in various phenolic compounds and ortho-
321 dihydroxy structure in hydroxyanthraquinone enhances the scavenging properties of phenolic molecules, on the
322 other hand, glycosylation decreases the scavenging effects of hydroxyanthraquinone. [96] Emodin can inhibit
323 cell-cycle and cause apoptosis by inhibiting casein kinase 2 and urease, inhibit DNA binding, thus blocking the
324 signal transduction pathways. [97] O

325 **32 Safety of Phenolic Plant Compounds**

326 Phenolic compounds are generally safe when ingested directly from plant material. Their consumption from
327 food supplements or herbal medicines can cause systemic toxicity. ??48] [98] When ingested naturally the body
328 develops mechanisms by which its bioavailability is reduced to avoid toxicity. However, for the pathological
329 treatment, the dose bioavailable must be ensured to avoid failed treatment. On the other hand, the high dose
330 concentration must be limited because it can increase the progress of cancer instead of suppressing it. ??90] [99]
331 IX.

332 **33 The Adverse Effect of Phenolic Compounds**

333 The adverse effects caused by phenolic compounds are mainly because of the following reasons:

- 334 ? Poor permeability while present as free acids;
- 335 ? The ability of transforming a healthy cell into cancer cell; ? When given in higher doses it cases toxicity; ?
- 336 It can lead to infection and unusual inflammatory reaction due to scavenging of reactive oxygen species which is
337 important in many biological processes. ??100] X.

338 **34 Conclusion**

339 Polyphenolic compounds effect on cancers partly due to their effect on various tumors pathway, for instance,
340 epithelial mesenchymal transition (EMT) pathway, apoptosis induction, ROS levels increase. Nevertheless, the
341 successful efficacy of phenolic and polyphenolic compounds also partly due to their modulation of the immune
342 system and other mechanisms in the body. Phenolic compounds play an important role in tumor pathways and
343 are responsible for mediating cancer cell migration and invasive properties which can justify their polyphenolic
344 compounds also play an important role by up-regulating epithelial markers and down-regulating mesenchymal
345 proteins and their antimetastatic effect. Although phenolic compounds possess extensive benefits to health, it
346 is important to mention that they also possess extensive interaction with other ingested drugs and other food
347 materials. They are subjected to vast metabolic degradation. Hence, it is advisable to always use polyphenolic
in synergistic mixture because they exert a more and better therapeutic effect when used in a mixture.

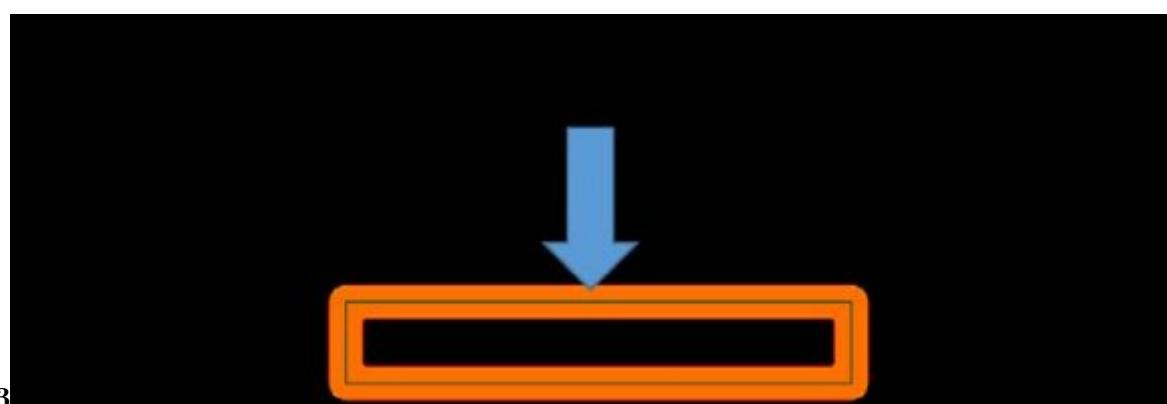


Figure 1: Fig. 3 :

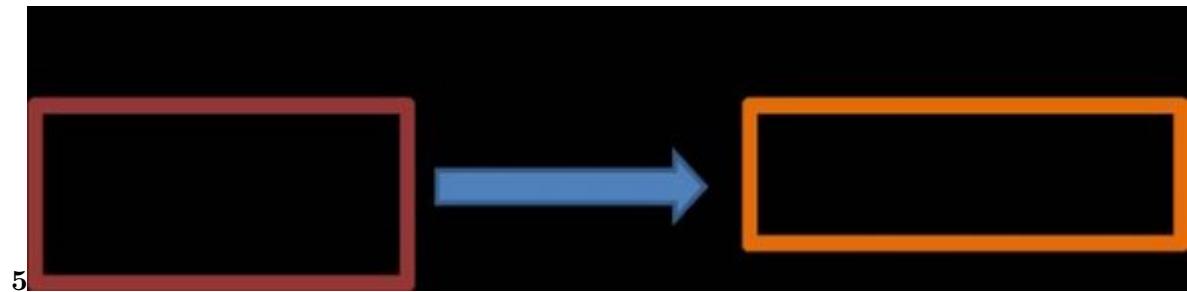


Figure 2: Fig. 5 :

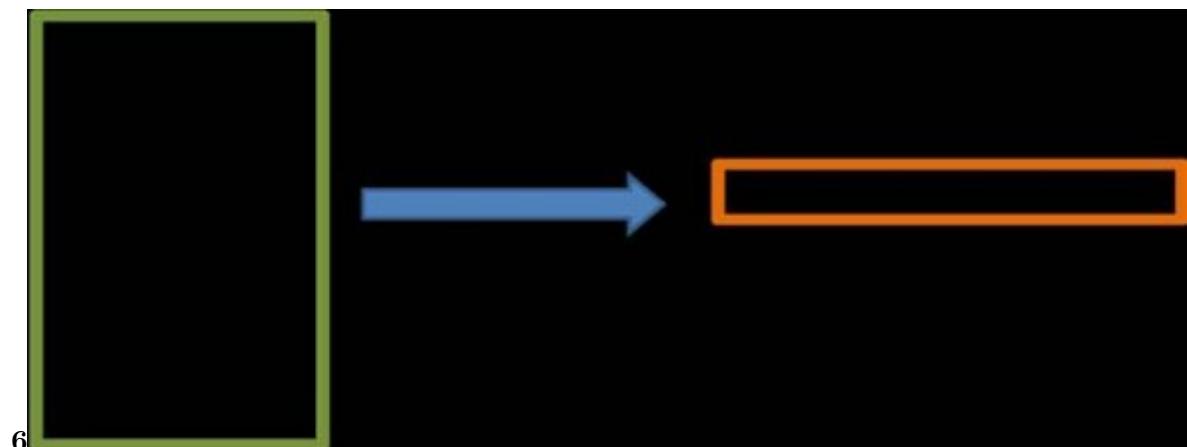


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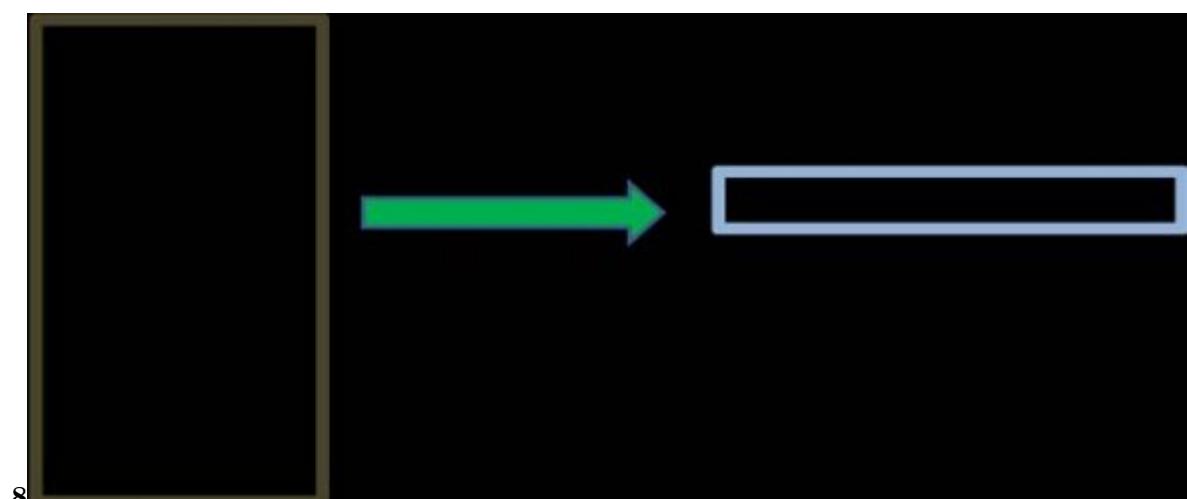


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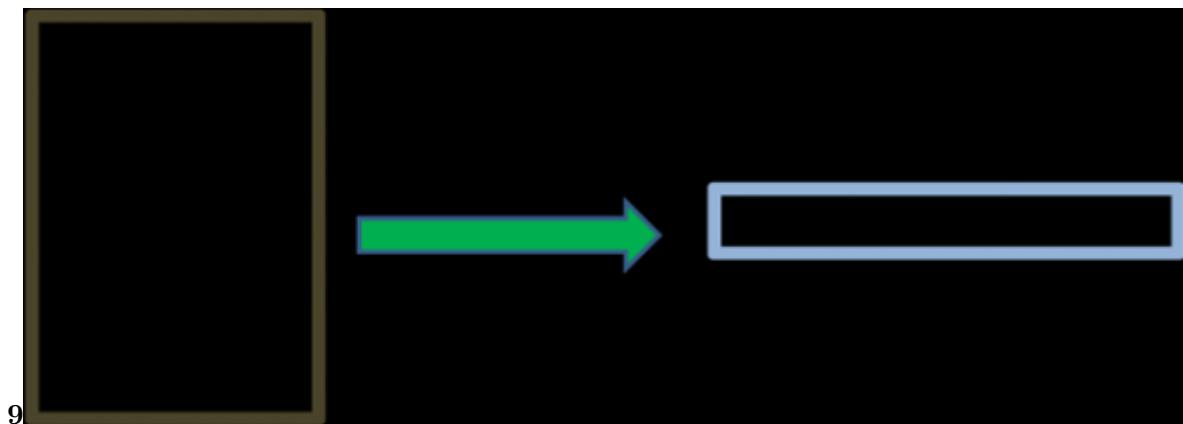


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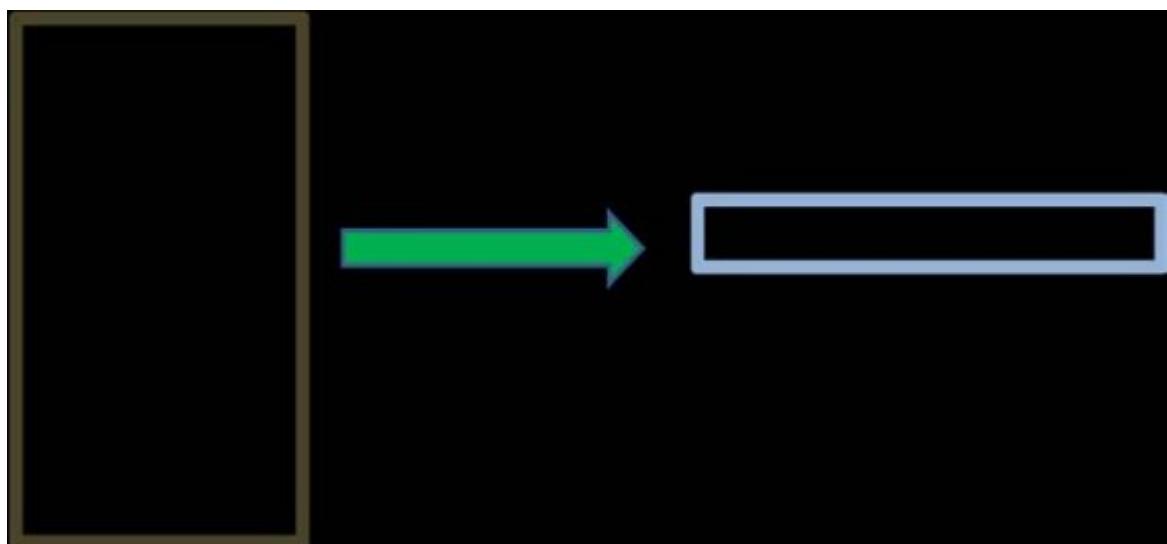


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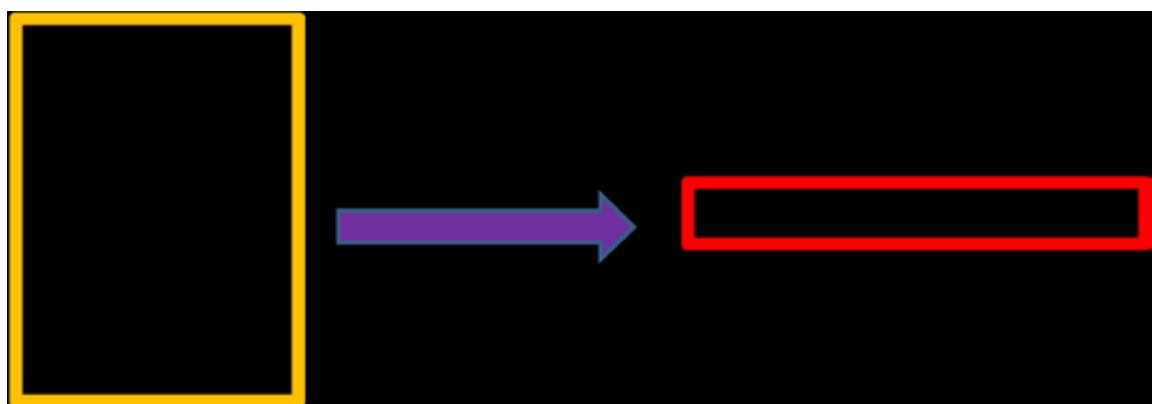


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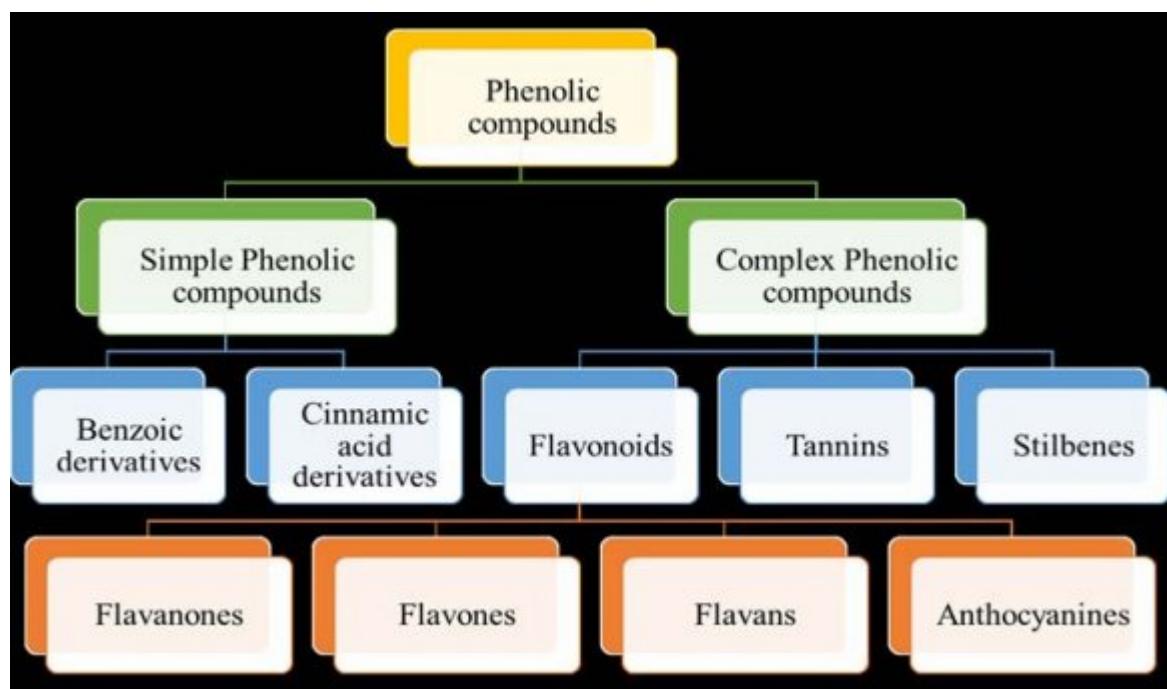
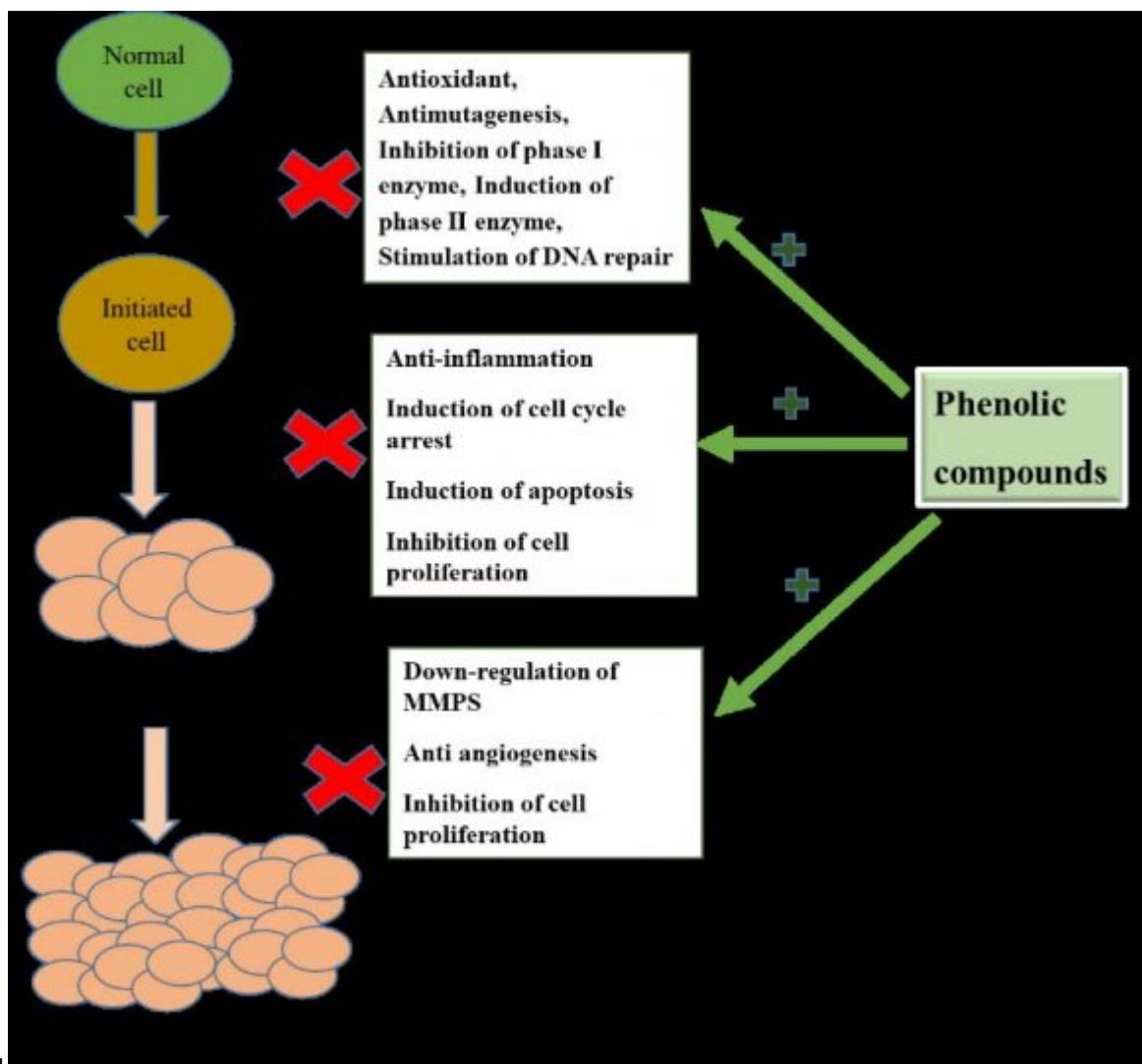


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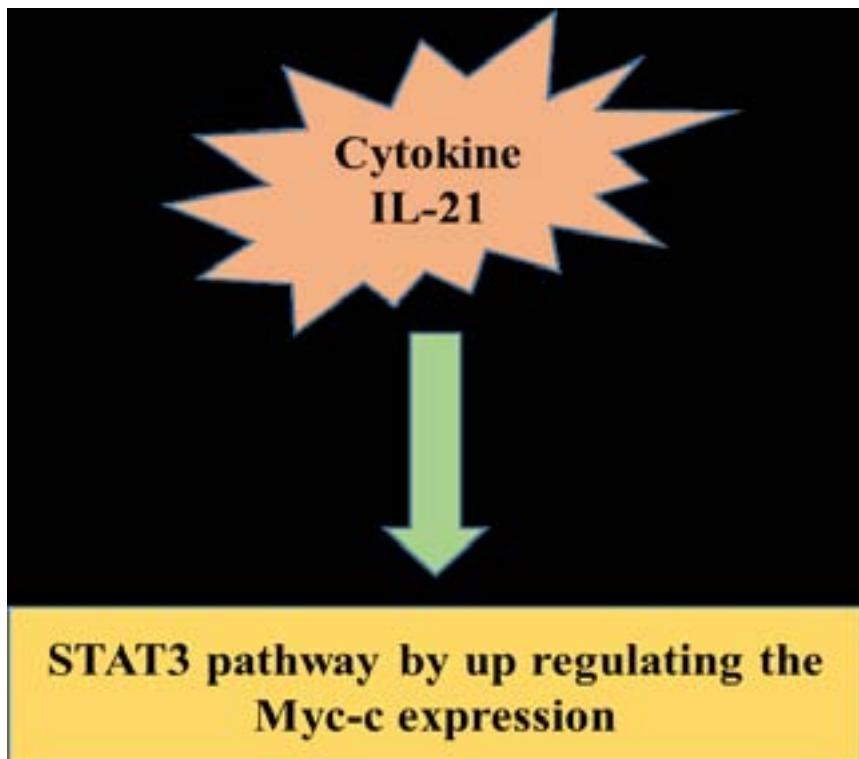


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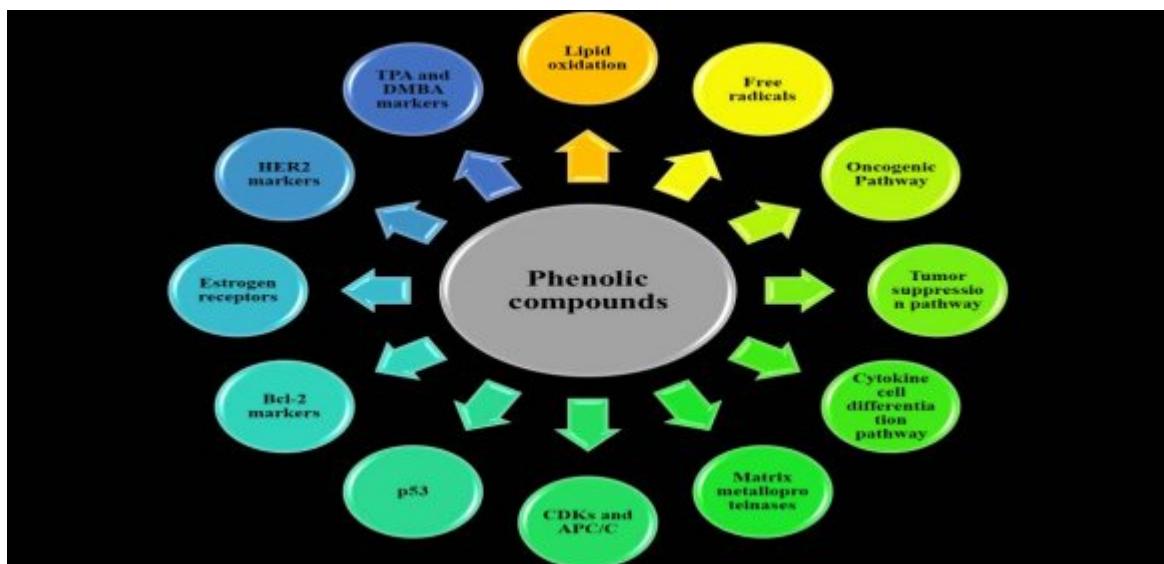


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