# Identification of potential phytochemical inhibitors as promising therapeutics against SARS-CoV-2 and molecular dynamics simulation

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#### Abstract

The high infectivity and mortality of novel coronavirus has caused a serious concern all over the world. Still, there is no specific drug or preventive medication to treat SARS-CoV-2 infection despite comprehensive analysis by the researchers. This study was designed to demonstrate the efficacy of some phyto-chemical compounds against SARS-CoV-2 by using both structure and ligand based virtual screening methods. A total of 33 plant metabolites were screened against SARS-CoV-2 main protease proteins (MPP), Nsp9 RNA binding protein, spike receptor binding domain and HR2 domain using a molecular docking approach. Results showed that three metabolites, i.e., Limonin, Isoflavone, and Coumadin conferred maximum binding affinity with all key proteins of SARS-CoV-2. For each viral protein, the critical binding sites and drug surface hotspots have been unraveled. ADME analysis indicated that none of the compounds have adverse effects that could decrease their drug-like properties. Moreover, toxicity pattern analysis also unmasked the non-toxic nature of the top drug candidates. The RMSD values of top ligandmacromolecule complexes were less than 2 Å, while RMSF values showed regular atomic fluctuations in the molecular dynamics study. Notably, most of the target class by top drug candidates belonged to enzyme groups (e.g. oxidoreductases, protease, Kinase). Results of drug similarity prediction revealed two approved structural analogs of Coumadin named Warfarin (DB00682) and Phenprocoumon (DB00946) from DrugBank. In addition, Isoformononetin an experimental drug analog of isoflavone could also be an option for the treatment of viral infections. For limonin there was no analog found in drugbank. The study can pave the way for the creation of effective SARS-CoV-2 medications and preventive measures. We highly recommend further in vivo trials for the experimental validation of our findings

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#### **Conflict of interest**

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# **1. Introduction**

The abrupt outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus which was originated from Wuhan, China, indicated as the third introduction of a virulent coronavirus into the human society. It not only affects the healthcare system, but also shatters the global economy in twinkling of an eye. The novel coronavirus found at the end of 2019 was named as 2019 novel coronavirus or "2019-nCoV" by the World Health Organization (WHO) and latterly this institution named it as SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) (Zhu et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020). The disease or illness caused by (SARS-CoV-2) is known as COVID 19 and it has become one of the leading cause of death in some areas of the world (Wolf et al., 2020; Magnani et al., 2020). According to the report of WHO, as of October 6, 2020, a total of 35,274,993 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and a total of 1,038,534 deaths were recorded and its infection rate is rising at a drastic rate that could exert a worldwide threat to mankind (Zhou et al., 2020a). The fatality rate of SARS-CoV-2 (5.4%) is calculated by WHO, which is less than previous lethal diseases SARS and MERS that had death rates of 9.6% & 35% respectively (Guo et al., 2020).

SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, and SARS-CoV-2 belong to a family known as Coronaviridae. This family of viruses possesses a genome of about 27–32 kb which is a large single-stranded and positive-sense RNA genome (Pyrc et al., 2006). Their genomes generally contain a 50-methylguanosine cap at the beginning, a 30-poly-A tail at the end, and a total of 6-10 genes in between. Their genes order is usually greatly conserved, where the first one being replication- and transcription-related, and the rest, structural (DeWit et al.; 2016). There is evidence that SARS-CoV-2 has more sequence similarity with SARS-CoV than MERS CoV, ensuring SARS-CoV as its close relative (Chan et al., 2020). The virus infects human via same entry point of ACE receptor, then releasing in respiratory tract (Hoffmann et al., 2020; Wan et al., 2020).

The structural proteins of SARS-CoV-2 include the spike (S), envelope (E), and membrane (M) that construct the viral coat, and the nucleocapsid (N) protein. These usually translate from the subgenomic RNAs. Some of these proteins convert later into glycoproteins through glycosylation process in the Golgi apparatus. Among all these proteins, the spike (S) glycoprotein is the most significant potential therapeutic target, as it is responsible for the attachment of the virus to the

host cells. S protein is primed by the host cell protease and it is recognized by the cellular receptor (Hoffmann et al., 2020).

SARS-CoV-2 is responsible for causing severe human respiratory syndrome (Velavan and Meyer, 2020). The virus mainly spread by means of community transmission, while SARS and MERS affected healthy peoples through nosocomial spread (Munster et al., 2020). Fever (83–98%), cough (59–82%), breath shortness (19–55%), and muscle ache (11–44%) are the common symptoms of COVID-19, which are alike to those of SARS and MERS. A few days before the onset of fever, some patients may have sore throat, rhinorrhea, headache and confusion, suggesting that fever is a vital symptom (Haung et al., 2020). Recently it has been reported that COVID-19 patients may have another severe condition and it is lymphopenia which means lower white blood cell counts (Chan et al., 2020).

Till now, there is no specific, safe and effective drug or vaccine for the treatment of human coronavirus. Therefore, CoVs are considered to be a kind of viruses which can pose a huge threat to human being. A few drug candidates have been found to be effective in vitro studies. But it is not possible to perform clinical trials of new drugs within shorter period of time (Dhama et al., 2020). As the condition of epidemic situation is getting worsen day by day, medicinal plants may be alternative to be used in making drugs as early as possible. From ancient times, different types of medical plants are very popular to treat diseases because of their effective medicinal value (Suheda et al., 2015). Again different parts of these medicinal plants contain numerous phytochemicals which are being used for the remedial purposes of health deteriorating diseases (Kumar et al., 2020). On the other hand, chemical based therapies sometimes show various limitations such as drug-resistance, severe side effects, adverse toxicity profiles and so on (Suheda et al., 2015). For this reason, this study aimed to find out some potential plant metabolites through virtual screening methods and various computational investigations which can be used as effective drug candidates against the infection of SARS-CoV-2.

#### 2. Materials and Methods

#### 2.1. SARS-CoV-2 proteins/protein-domains and plant metabolites retrieval

The RCSB Protein Data Bank was utilized for the retrieval of 3D structures of SARS-Cov-2 main proteases (6W63), Nsp9 (Non-structural protein-9) RNA binding protein (6W4B), Spike receptor binding domain (6M0J) and HR2 Domain (6LVN) (Rose et al., 2017). A complete of 33 plant based bioactive chemical compound under several classes were extracted in SDS (3D) format from the renowned PubChem database (https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)(Kim et al., 2016) (Table 1). Later on, the SDS structures were converted into PDB format by means of OpenBabel v2.3 software (O'Boyle et al., 2011).

Metabolites	Pubchem CID	Chemical Class	Plant Source	Activities	References
Allyl propyl disulfide	16591	Allyl sulfur compounds	<i>Allium cepa</i> Linn	Prevents irregular heart beat and abnormal blood pressure. It also prevents cancers, coronary heart disease, arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), bronchitis, dry or stubborn cough and blood clots.	Ozougwu and Eyo (2011)
Apigenin	5280443	Flavonoids	Passiflora foetida L	Antispasmodic, antibacterial, antihypertension, antiproliferative activity on human breast adenocarcinoma	Salehi et al., (2019)
Aristolochic acid	2236	Monocarboxylic acid	Aristolochia albida Duchartre	Anthelmintic, anti-inflammatory	Okujagu et al., (2008)
Artocarpesin	399491	6-prenylated flavones	Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam	Anti-ulcer	Lawal et al, 2010
Ascorbic acid	54670067	Dihydrofurans	Citrus aurantifolia	Anti-malaria	Odugbemi (2006)

Table 1: List of plant metabolites with respective source and activities.

Asparagine	6267	Carboxylic acids			O du alt and
		and derivatives	Citrus aurantifolia	Anti-malaria	(2006)
Camphene	6616	Prenol lipids	Cymbopogon	Anti-malaria	Odugbemi
			citrates		(2006)
Chavicine	1548912			It inhibits pro-inflammatorycytokines that	
				are produced by tumour cells (anti-	
				tumourigenic). It is also immune	Shaba et al.
		Alkaloids	Piper nigrum L.	stimmulatory,	(2012)
				stomachic,carminative,anticholestrolemic	
				and anti-oxidant. It also inhibits the	
				growth of malaria parasite.	
Chrysoeriol	5280666			Antispasmodic, antibacterial,	Moongkarndi
		Flavonoids	Passiflora foetida	antihypertension, antiproliferative	et al.,
			L	activity on human breast	(2004)
C'asi lasal	0064			adenocarcinoma	011. (2006)
Cianidanoi	9064	Flavonoids	Osimum	It provents breast company and fat	Obno (2006)
			octinum	accumulation It inhibits growth of	Affice $e_l$
			granssimum L	dicassa	$u_{i}$ , (2005),
				microorganisms(antimicrobial) It has	a1 (2009)
				antiovidant activity and also preventing	al. (2009),
				the formation of oxidized Low-density	
				Lipoprotein (LDL), which is considered	
				to induce cardiovascular	
				disease.	
Citronellal	7794		Cymbopogon		Odugbemi
		Prenol lipids	citrates	Anti-malaria	(2006)
Cleomiscosin B	156875			Antiscorbutic, anthelmintic	Okujagu et al.,
		Coumarinolignoid	Cleome viscose L.		(2008)
Coumadin	54678486	Coursering and			
		derivatives	<i>Sida acuta</i> Burm. F	Antipyretic and has inhibitory activity	Iroha et al
			2.200 dealer Durin 1	against disease causing bacteria	(2009)
Dihadaan	E 4 E 971 4		Arderer		Tarrel 1
Dinydromorin	5458/14	Flavanonols	Artocarpus	Anti-ulcer	Lawai et al,
			neterophyllus Lam		(2010)

Flavylium	145858	Flavonoids	Mallotus oppositifolius (Geisel) mull. Arg.	Anti-malarial and inhibits fungal growth.	Farombi et al., (2001)
Genkwanin	5281617	Flavonoids	Alnus glutinosa	Anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, antiplasmodial and radical scavenging activities.	O'Rourke et al., (2005)
Geraniol	637566	Prenol lipids	Cymbopogon citrates	Anti-malaria	Odugbemi (2006)
Gingerol	442793	Phenols	Zingiber officinale Roscoe	It prevents chilblains and circulatory problems such as Raynaud's disease. It is highly antiseptic, activating immunity and dispelling a whole variety of bacterial and viral infections. It also inhibits blood clotting.	Ozougwu and Eyo (2011)
Hydrocyanic acid	768	Organonitrogen compounds	Crytolopsis sanguinolenta(lindl)	Anti-tumor, anti-inflammatory	Prabu et al. (2006)
Isoflavone	72304	Isoflavonoids	Ocimum gratissimum L	It prevents breast cancer and fat accumulation. It inhibits growth of disease causative microorganisms (antimicrobial). It has antioxidant activity and also preventing the formation of oxidized Low-density Lipoprotein (LDL), which is considered to induce cardiovascular disease.	Obho (2006) Amic <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , (2003); Nwinyi et. al. (2009);

Limonin	179651	Prenol linids	Cymbopogon	Anti-malaria	Odugbemi
		r tenor npius	citrates		(2006)
Myrcene	31253	Prenol lipids	Piper nigrum L.	It inhibits pro-inflammatorycytokines that are produced by tumour cells (anti- tumourigenic). It is also immune stimmulatory, stomachic,carminative,anticholestrolemic and anti-oxidant. It also inhibits the growth of malaria parasite.	Shaba et al. (2012)
Norartocarpetin	5481970	Flavonoids	Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam	Anti-ulcer	Lawal et al, (2010)
Paucine	5280559	Phenols	Pentacletha macrophylla Benth	Anticarcinogenic	Onwukaeme (1993)
Procyanidin	107876	Flavonoids	Adansonia digitata L.	Anti- inflammation	Zhao et al., (1999)
Quinine	3034034	Cinchona alkaloids	Azadirachta indica A.Juss.	Anti malaria, insecticide	Lawal et al, 2010
Reserpine	5770	Yohimbine alkaloids	<i>Rauwolfia vomitoria</i> Afz Or <i>R. Serpentine</i> (L.) Benth ex. Kurz	Antihypertensive	Kokwaro, (1993); Sofowora (2008)
Riboflavin	493570	Pteridines and derivatives	<i>Moringa oleifera</i> Lam.	Antioxidants, antimicrobial	Odugbemi (2006)
Steppogenin	21596130	Flavonoids	Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam	Anti-ulcer	Lawal et al, 2010

Stigmasterol	5280794	Steroids and steroid derivatives	Amaranthus spinosus L	Antipyretic	Okujagu et al
					(2008)
Triterpenoid	71597391	Prenol lipids	Sida acuta Burm. F	Antipyretic and has inhibitory activity against disease causing bacteria	Iroha et al., (2009)
Vanillin	1183	Phenols	Vanilla planifolia	Antimicrobial activities, Antifungal activities, Antioxidant and antimutagenic properties.	Mourtzinos et al., (2009); Kim et al., (2014)
Yohimbine	8969	Yohimbine alkaloids	<i>Rauwolfia</i> <i>vomitoria</i> Afz Or <i>R. Serpentine</i> (L.) Benth ex. Kurz	Antihypertensive	Kokwaro, (1993); Sofowora (2008)

## 2.2. Screening of plant metabolites against SARS-CoV-2 proteins/protein-domains

Molecular docking facilitates the identification of therapeutically potential compounds against particular drug targets of lethal microorganisms (Pinzi L and Rastelli G, 2019). It is a key tool in computer-assisted drug design and structural molecular biology that is effective to model the interaction between a small molecule and a protein (Meng et al., 2011). The PatchDock server was employed to estimate the binding affinity of 33 plant metabolites with selected SARS-CoV-2 proteins/protein domains (drug targets/macromolecules) (Schneidman-Duhovny et al., 2005; Azim et al., 2020; Banik et al., 2020). A recent experimental study pointed out alpha-ketoamide (CID 6482451) as an inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 main protease protein (Zhang et al., 2020). For this reason, the present study used it as positive control and also conducted to docking analysis against all four proteins/protein domains. The formed docked complexes were then refined by FireDock refinement tool (Mashiach et al., 2008). Visualization of the ligand binding complexes wasperformed by Discovery Studio v3.1 (Wang et al., 2015) and PyMOL v2.0 (DeLano, 2002).

#### 2.3. Analysis of drug surface hotspot and ligand binding pocket prediction

The drug surface hotspot of SARS-CoV-2 proteins was analysed by investigating the docked complexes with the top metabolites using LigPlot+, Discovery Studio and PyMOL v.2.0 software (Wang et al., 2015; Delano 2002; Banik et al., 2020). Binding patterns of Limolin, avicularin, Isoflavone, and Coumadin with four macromolecules were allowed for comparative structural analysis. Moreover, interaction of Alpha-ketoamide with the studied proteins were also investigated.

#### 2.4. Free energy calculation and Molecular Dynamics Study

Ligand-protein complex binding interaction feature analysis focused on traditional molecular dynamics were carried out by utilizing the Ligand and Receptor Molecular Dynamics (LARMD) server (http://chemyang.ccnu.edu.cn/ccb/server/LARMD) (Yang et al., 2019). The free binding energy ( $\Delta G_{bind}$ ) was estimated on the basis of binding energy ( $\Delta E_{bind}$ ), conformational entropy ( $-T\Delta S_{conf}$ ) and solvation entropy ( $T\Delta S_{sol}$ ) (Raha & Merz, 2005). The MM/GBSA method and empirical method was utilized to calculate enthalpy and the entropy, respectively (Hou et al., 2011; Hao et al., 2009 and Pan et al., 2008).

$$\Delta G_{bind} = \Delta E_{bind} - T \Delta S_{sol} - T \Delta S_{conf.}$$

Molecular dynamics (MD) simulation was performed in order to analyze the docked poses. In this study, MD simulation was performed for the top bioactive drug candidates for each targeted protein.

The conformational stability of the ligand-protein complex interactions was evaluated using the study of molecular dynamics simulations by performing normal mode analysis (NMA) via iMODS server (http:/imods.chaconlab.org) predicting various properties such as deformability, mobility profiles, eigen-values (López-Blanco et al., 2014). LARMD tools was adopted to run simulation with water explicites and the time intervalwas set to 4 ns. AMBER16 was used as the force field in this MD simulation where the Sander module was used to perform the minimization in 4 steps before the simulation (Case et al., 2005). The 2000 steps steepest descent method along with the 3000 steps conjugated gradient methodwere used in all minimization processes and the system was

heatedfrom 10 to 300 K in 30 ps. Further the complexes, the root mean square deviation (RMSD) and gyration radius (Rg)along the root mean square fluctuations were measured and analyzed using LARMD server (Yang et al., 2019). This server uses AMBER16 program from the trajectory with a time interval per pico-second (Roe & Cheatham, 2013). Finally, periodic boundary condition was applied to relax all the atoms in 300 K (Yang, et al., 2019).

#### 2.5. Drug profile analysis of top metabolites

Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) are the four important processes that describe the deposition of a drug within an organism (Vugmeysteret al., 2012). Proper pharmacological activity (potency and selectivity) and good ADME properties are the criteria of an ideal drug candidate (Lin et al., 2003). The absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion properties of the chosen top metabolites were determined by using SwissADME server (Daina et al., 2017). The BOILED-Egg model was utilized to evaluate the Blood-brain barrier (BBB) in the top metabolites(Daina and Zoete, 2016). Furthermore, the relative toxicity of top drug candidates was assessed via pkCSM online tool. This effective server predict pharmacokinetic properties relying on graph-based signatures that describe distance patterns between atoms (Pires et al., 2015; Rahman et al., 2020). Examining carcinogenicity of these candidates was also conducted by using admetSAR (Cheng et al., 2012).

#### 2.6. Prediction of drug targets and available drug molecules from DrugBank

The probable macromolecular targets of top drug candidates were predicted by employing SwissTargetPrediction server (Daina et al., 2019). It generally estimates on the basis of combination of2D and 3D uniformity with a collection of 370000 acquainted bioactive compounds on around 3000 proteins. Besides, the homology screening of predicted top drug candidates was performed via SwissSimilarity web toolsto screen out potential drug molecules against SARS-CoV-2 (Zoete et al., 2016). Approaches such as FP2 fingerprints, spectrophores, electroshape and align-IT are used by this server to detect experimental, approved or commercially available drugs from DrugBank by means ofligand-based virtual screening of various libraries of small molecules (Zoete et al., 2016).

#### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Screening of plant metabolites against SARS-CoV-2

Extracted structures of SARS-CoV-2 proteins/protein-domains (macromolecules) and plant metabolites (ligands) were optimized and utilized for docking purpose to evaluate the binding affinity between these macromoleculesandligands. Depending on global binding energy the metabolites were ordered. According to the result three top scorers (metabolites) were selected that experienced superior outcomes in case of minimum binding energy with each of the macromolecules (Table 2 and Supplementary File 1). Top three scorers, isoflavone, limonin and coumadin, had the excellent binding interactions with the four macromolecules (Fig. 1 and Table 2). Among them, isoflavone showed the strongest binding affinity with spike receptor binding domain (-52.98kcal/ mol) and SARS-Cov-2 main protease (-59.55kcal/ mol), while limonin with HR2 Domain (-28.89 kcal/ mol) and coumadin with Nsp9 (Non-structural protein-9) RNA binding protein (-45.62kcal/ mol) in terms of highest binding capacity (Fig. 2 and Table 2).



Figure 1: Chemical structures of Limonin (A), Isoflavone (B), Coumadin (C).



**Figure 2:** Molecular interaction of Isoflavone with SARS-CoV-2 Spike receptor binding domain (A) and Main protease (B), Nsp9 (Non-structural protein-9) RNA binding protein with Coumadin (C), HR2 Domain with Limonin (D).

Table 2: Docking results and interaction sites of the sc	creened top 3 metabolites.
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	Liganda	Global	Score	Area	ACE	HB	<b>Binding</b> sites
Macromolecules	Liganas	<i>energy</i> (kcal/mol)					
			4274	554.70	1.68	0.00	Gln13, Asp17,
	Isoflavone	-25 73					Arg18, Asn20,
	isonavone	-23.13					Glu21, Val22,
							Lys24
			4186	471.90	-0.36	0.00	Lys14, Arg18,
HR2	Limonin	-28.89					Glu21,
Domain/6LVN)							Lys24,Asp17
	Coumadin				-0.92	0.00	Lys14, Asp17,
		-26.38	3656	413.80			Arg18, Glu21,
							Lys24
	a-ketoamide		4318	564.20	-2.71	0.00	Ile16, Asn20,
	(Control)	-25.52					Lys24, Asn27,
	(Control)						Glu28
Spike receptor	Isoflavone				-	0.00	Leu91, Lys94,
binding domain		-52.98	6254	764 30	13.56		Leu95, Gln98,
(6M0I)		-52.70	0234	704.30			Ala99, Tyr196,
							Gly205, Asp206,

							Tyr207 Glu208
							$1 y_{1207}, G_{10208}, V_{01200}, A_{00} 210$
							v a1209, As11210, A an 207
							A1a390, A811397, L $ua562, Clu564$
							Lys502, Glu504,
	Timonin				5 40	0.00	Pr0505,
	Limonin				-5.42	0.00	Asn $33$ , H18 $34$ ,
							Gluss, Glusz, Glusz, a 20
							Asp38, Leu39,
		41.07		<b>F</b> 00.00			Lys353, Arg403,
		-41.87	4476	590.80			Glu406, Lys417,
							Tyr449, Tyr453,
							Gln493, Ser494,
							Tyr495, Gly496,
							Tyr505
	Coumadin				-	0.00	Leu95, Gln98,
					13.47		Gln102, Tyr196,
							Tyr202, Gly205,
		-45.91	4968	624.50			Asp206, Tyr207,
							Glu208, Val209,
							Asn210, Ala396,
							Lys562, Glu564
	α-ketoamide		5379	655.40	-9.34	0.00	Lys94, Tyr196,
	(Control)	-60.50					Asp206, Glu208,
							Val209, Asn210
	Isoflavone				-7.94	0.00	Asn-1, Ala0,
							Met1, Asn2,
							Asn3, Gln50,
		-40.96	5358	748.70			Asp51, Leu52,
							Lys53, Pro72,
							Pro73, Arg75,
							Tyr88
	Limonin				-	0.00	Asn-1, Ala0,
NanQ (Non					10.74		Met1, Asn2,
structurel		12 57	1200	570.90			Asn3, Gln50,
structural protoin () DNA		-42.37	4300	570.80			Lys53, Pro72,
protein-9) KNA							Pro73, Cys74,
(GWAD)							Arg75, Tyr88
(0W4D)	Coumadin				-	0.00	Met13, Arg40,
					14.28		Phe41, Phe57,
		15 62	1900	591 20			Pro58, Lys59,
		-43.02	4090	381.20			Ser60, Asp61,
							Ile66, Thr68,
							Ile92, Val142
	α-ketoamide		4458	504.60	-	0.00	Phe41, Trp54,
	(Control)	-48.60			16.39		Ile66, Thr68,
							Glu69

	Isoflavone				-	0.00	Thr25, Thr26,
					16.48		Leu27, His41,
							Val42, Ser46,
							Met49, Pro52,
		-59.55	5028	604 80			Tyr54, Leu141,
							Asn142, Gly143,
			5020	004.00			Ser144, Cys145,
							His164, Met165,
							Glu166, Leu167,
							Asp187, Arg188,
							Gln189,
	Limonin				-	0.00	Thr25, Leu27,
					14.86		His41, Cys44,
							Thr45, Met49,
							Cys145, Met165,
SARS-Cov-2		-49.00	4704	507.40			Glu166, Leu167,
main protease							Pro168, Val186,
(6W63)							Asp187, Arg188,
							Gln189, Thr190,
			4022	602 50		0.00	Ala191, Gln192
	Coumadin		4832	603.50	-	0.00	H1s41, Cys44,
					16.85		Met49, Tyr54,
							Tyr118, Phe140,
							Leu141, Asn142,
		-51.96					Gly143, Ser144,
							Cys145, H1s165,
							H18164, Met165, $C_{12}^{1}$
							$G[0100, H[S1/2, V_{0}]]$
							val100, Asp107, Arg188, Glp180
	a-ketoemide		4560	526 40		0.00	App107 L ap272
	(Control)	56.02	4500	520.40	-	0.00	Asp197, Leu 272, Cly 275, Leu 286
		-50.72			10.04		$U_{275}$ , $Leu_{200}$ , $Leu_{200}$ , $Leu_{287}$ A sp 280
		1					Leu207, ASp289

# 3.2. Analysis of drug surface hotspot and ligand binding pocket prediction

To reveal the drug surface hotspot of studied macromolecules, the structural pattern of the docked complexes was explored. The ligand interacting residues of SARS-CoV-2 proteins were investigated and respective positions of these residues were also disclosed (Fig.3 and Table 2). The results indicated that amino acid positions 13 to 24 of HR2 Domainwere most significant for binding with ligands where Asp17, Arg18, Glu21 and Lys24 were binding sites for each of the three top metabolites. Besides, the regions from 91 to 99 and from 196to 210 were revealed as top surface hotspots for spike receptor binding domain in which Leu95, Gln98,Gly205, Asp206,

Tyr207, Glu208, Val209 and Asn210were prevalent. The ligands experienced greatest binding affinity for 50-75 positions of Nsp9 (Non-structural protein-9) RNA binding protein, and for 141-168 and 186-192 regions of SARS-Cov-2 main protease(6W63).



**Figure 3:** Ligand-Amino acid interaction moede of Isoflavone with SARS-CoV-2 Spike receptor binding domain (A) and Main protease (B), Nsp9 (Non-structural protein-9) RNA binding protein with Coumadin (C), HR2 Domain with Limonin (D).

#### 3.3. Free energy calculation and Molecular Dynamics Study

In this study, the estimation of free energies consists of electrostaticenergy (ELE), Van der Waals contribution (VDW), total gas phase en-ergy (GAS) and final estimated binding energy (deltaPB/deltaGB). MM/PB (GB) SA calculations showed that the value of free energy inthe 6W4B in complex with Coumadine, deltaPB≈–-16.57kcal/mol. Mean-while, 6W63-Isoflavone complex had the value of deltaPB≈ - 4.72kcal/mol , 6LVN-Limolincomplex had deltaPB≈ -6.81 kcal/mol and 6M0J-Isoflavone complex had the value of deltaPB≈ - 8.04kcal/mol (Table 3). The deformability of the structures was mostly dependent on structure hinges. The hinges found in all structure are not significant and found to be stable (Figure 4:A,5:A,6:A,7:A). The B factor analysis showed there was no significant fluctuations means there very less amounts of loops (Figure 4:B,5:B,6:B,7:B). The eigen values for the complexes were higher and compact the structure and

it revealed its resistance to deform. The eigen values 2.243535 x  $10^{-5}$  for 6LVN-Coumadine, 2.707260 x  $10^{-5}$  (Figure 7:C) for 6M0J-isoflavone (Figure 4:C), comparatively higher 1.080318 x  $10^{-4}$  for 6W63-isoflavone and 2.116669 x  $10^{-4}$  for 6W4B-coumadin complex, respectively (Figure 5:C, 6:C). The complex RMSD value for all studied complex was less than 2 Å in Fourstudied complexes (Figure 4:D,5:D,6:D,7:D). The 6W63-Isoflavone complex after 3ns shows a mild fluctuation((Figure 5:D). All the structure didn't show any undesirable repulsion. For all the complexes the RMSF values showed a regular pattern of atomic fluctuations during the molecular dynamics stimulation. The Rg value were ranging 18.4 to 24.6, The most higher value 24.6 was found in 6M0J-isoflavone complex ((Figure 4:E). While, the SARS-CoV-2 main protease 6W63 complex with isoflavone also showed higher Rg value of 22 (Figure 5:E). The other 6W4B-coumadin revealed value of 20 and 6LVN-limolin posses19.6 which was lowest (Figure 7:E).

Table 3: Binding free	energy (kcal/mol)	of the interaction	of the selected	l bioactive c	ompounds
with COVID-19 main	protease and other	proteins.			

	Parameters							
Complexes	ELE	VDW	GAS	deltaPB	delatGB			
6M0J-Isoflavone	-17.53	-62.64	-80.17	-8.04	-21.60			
6LVN-Limolin	-1.63	-47.90	-49.53	-13.14	-15.83			
6W63-Isoflavone	-11.19	-47.28	-58.47	-4.72	-12.30			
6W4B-Coumadin	-79.84	-34.01	-113.85	-16.57	-17.84			



**Figure 4:** Molecular Dynamics of 6M0J-Isoflavone: Deformability analysis(A); B factor Analysis(B); Eigen value (C); RMSD plot (D); Rg plot (E); RMSF value (F).



**Figure 5:** Molecular Dynamics of 6W63-Isoflavone: Deformability analysis (A); B factor Analysis(B); Eigen value (C); RMSD plot (D); Rg plot (E); RMSF value (F).



**Figure 6:** Molecular Dynamics of 6W4B-Coumadin: Deformability analysis (A); B factor Analysis(B); Eigen value (C); RMSD plot (D); Rg plot (E); RMSF value (F).



**Figure 7:** Molecular Dynamics of 6LVN-Limonin complex: Deformability analysis (A); B factor Analysis(B); Eigen value (C); RMSD plot (D); Rg plot (E); RMSF value (F).

## 3.4. ADME analysis of top drug candidates

Drug profiles of top drug candidates were evaluated by analyzing their various ADME properties such as physicochemical parameters, pharmacokinetics, lipophilicity, water solubility and medicinal chemistry (Fig. 8 and Table 4). For all the three candidates GI absorption was high. Inhibition effects with different CYP isoforms (CYP1A2, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19,

CYP3A4) showed that most of the candidates had no interaction possibility with the isoforms, except isoflavone with CYP1A2, isoflavone and coumadin with CYP2C19, and coumadin with CYP2C9. Besides, blood- brain barrier (BBB) permeation analysed by the BOILED-Egg model revealed that isoflavone and coumadin are BBB permeant, while limonin isn't a BBB permeant. Each candidate had a good water solubility, while limonin was more soluble.



Figure 8: ADME analysis of top three metabolites; Limonin (A), Isoflavone (B), Coumadin (C).

**Table 4:** Drug profile and ADME analysis of the top three metabolites against SARS-CoV-2

 Proteins

Parameter		Top Inhibitors of SARS-CoV-2 Proteins				
		Isoflavone	Limonin	Coumadin		
	Formula	C15H10O2	C26H30O8	C19H16O4		
Physicochemical parameters	Molecular weight	222.24 g/mol	470.51 g/mol	308.33 g/mol		
parameters	No. H-bond acceptors	2	8	4		

	No. H-bond donors	0	0	1
	Molar Refractivity	67.92	116.17	88.58
	TPSA	30.21 Ų	104.57 Ų	67.51 Ų
	Log P <sub>o/w</sub> (iLOGP)	2.51	2.87	2.41
	$\log P_{o/w}$ (XLOGP3)	3.18	1.77	2.70
	Log P <sub>o/w</sub> (WLOGP)	3.46	2.81	3.61
Lipophilicity	Log P <sub>o/w</sub> (MLOGP)	2.27	1.45	2.51
$\mathbf{Pharmacokinetics}$ $\mathbf{I} 100. 11-500100000000000000000000000000000000$	Log P <sub>o/w</sub> (SILICOS- IT)	4.04	3.83	4.36
	Consensus Log $P_{o/w}$	3.09	2.55	3.12
	GI absorption	High	High	High
	BBB permeant	Yes	No	Yes
	P-gp substrate	No	No	No
Lipophilicity Pharmacokinetics Water Solubility	CYP1A2 inhibitor	Yes	No	No
	CYP2C19 inhibitor	Yes	No	Yes
	CYP2C9 inhibitor	No	No	Yes
	CYP2D6 inhibitor	No	No	No
	CYP3A4 inhibitor	No	No	No
	Molar Refractivity (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	-5.40 cm/s	-7.91 cm/s	-6.26 cm/s
	Log S (ESOL)	-3.85	-3.92	-3.70
Water Solubility	Solubility	3.13e-02 mg/ml ; 1.41e-04 mol/l	5.72e-02 mg/ml ; 1.22e-04 mol/l	6.10e-02 mg/ml ; 1.98e-04 mol/l
Water Solubility	Class	Soluble	Soluble	Soluble
	Log S (SILICOS- IT)	-6.13	-5.41	-6.33
	Solubility	1.63e-04 mg/ml ; 7.33e-07 mol/l	1.82e-03 mg/ml ; 3.86e-06 mol/l	1.45e-04 mg/ml ; 4.71e-07 mol/l

	Class	Poorly Soluble	Moderately soluble	Poorly Soluble
Madicinal	Medicinal Bioavailability	Yes; 0 violation	No; 1 violation: MW>350	Yes
Chemistry	Bioavailability Score	0.55	0.55	0.55
	PAINS	0 alert	0 alert	0 alert
	Synthetic accessibility	2.82	6.49	3.79

# 3.5. Analysis of Toxicity pattern of top drug candidates

AMES toxicity, oral Rat toxicity, skin sensitization, minnow toxicity, carcinigenecity, hepatotoxicityskin sensitization and other toxicity parameters of top drug candidateswere predicted (Table 5). The negative results of AMES test for these drug candidates indicated them as non- mutagenic. Each of these top metabolites exhibited negative outcome in hERGI and hERG II inhibitors prediction test. According to the result, Oral Rat Acute Toxicity, LD50, and Oral Rat Chronic Toxicity,LOAEL, values ranged from 1.726 to 3.452(mol/kg) and from 0.99 to 1.911(log mg/kg\_bw/day), respectively. Besides, the negative results of hepatotoxicityand skin sensitisation tests suggested these metabolites as non-hepatotoxic and insensitive to skin. Minnow Toxicity values predicted them non- toxic, as the values were more than -0.3 log mM. Furthermore, carcinogenicity evaluated by admetSAR was negative for each of three top drug candidates, claimed them as non carcinogens.

**Table 5:** Toxicity pattern of top three metabolites.

Toxicity Parameters			
	Isoflavone	Limonin	Coumadin
AMES Test	No	No	No
Max. Tolerated Dose (log mg/kg/day)	0.107	-0.508	0.294
hERG I inhibitor	No	No	No
hERG II inhibitors	No	No	No
Oral Rat Acute Toxicity, LD50 (mol/kg)	1.726	3.452	1.773
Oral Rat Chronic Toxicity,LOAEL (log mg/kg_bw/day)	0.99	1.911	1.081
Hepatotoxicity	No	No	No
Carcinogens	Non-carcinogens	Non-carcinogens	Non-carcinogens
Skin Sensitisation	No	No	No
<i>T. pyriformis</i> Toxicity (log μg/L)	1.244	0.286	0.591
Minnow Toxicity (log mM)	0.603	0.446	0.034

**3.6.** Prediction of drug targets and available drug molecules from DrugBank

Drug targets of top metabolites revealed that they were mostly from the classes of family A G protein-coupled receptor, protease, kinase and nuclear receptor (Fig. 9 and Table 6). Limonin showed Delta opioid receptor, Kappa Opioid receptor, Cathepsin K, Cathepsin S and Leucine-rich repeat serine/threonine-protein kinase 2 as targets, while for isoflavone Monoamine oxidase B, Estrogen receptor  $\beta$ , Adenosine A1 receptor, Adenosine A2a receptor, Estrogen-related receptor alpha and Epidermal growth factor receptor erbB1 were targets. Besides, G-protein coupled receptor 35, Subtilisin/kexin type 7, MAP kinase ERK2 and Serine/threonine-protein kinase PIM1 were drug targets for coumadin. Biologically active small compounds against SARS-CoV-2 were predicted from DrugBank by conducting ligand-based virtual screening (Table 7). Warfarin (DB00682) and Phenprocoumon (DB00946) are the two approved drugs that were found analogous to coumadin. Apart from these, coumadin showed another analog 4-Hydroxy-3-[(1s)-3-Oxo-1-Phenylbutyl]-2h-Chromen-2-One (DB02507) which is in experimental stage. Moreover, isoflavone revealed three experimental analogs, namely isoformononetin (DB04202), (1s)-1-(phenoxymethyl)propyl methylphosphonochloridoate (DB08419) and (rp,sp)-o-(2r)-(1phenoxybut-2-yl)-methylphosphonic acid chloride (DB07990), while limonin showed no similar bioactive molecule.



**Figure 9:** Prediction of drug Targets for top three metabolites; Limonin (A), Isoflavone (B), Coumadin (C).

Metabolite	Drug Targets	Common	Uniprot	ChEMBL ID	Target Class
S		Name	ID		
Limonin					Family A G
	Delta opioid	OPRD1	P41143	CHEMBL236	protein-
	receptor		1 11115		coupled
					receptor
					Family A G
	Kappa Opioid	OPRK1	P41145	CHEMBL237	protein-
	receptor				coupled
					receptor
	Cathepsin K	CTSK	P43235	CHEMBL268	Protease
	Cathepsin S	CTSS	P25774	CHEMBL2954	Protease
	Leucine-rich				
	repeat	LRRK2	058007	CHEMBL107510	Kinase
	serine/threonine-		202001	4	
	protein kinase 2				
Isoflavone	Monoamine	MAOB	P27338	CHEMBL2039	Oxidoreductas
	oxidase B				e
	Estrogen	ESR2	092731	CHEMBL242	Nuclear
	receptor β		<b>C</b>		receptor
					Family A G
	Adenosine A1	ADORA1	P30542 CHEMBL 226		protein-
	receptor				coupled
					receptor
	Adenosine A2a	ADORA2	P29274	CHEMBL251	Family A G
	receptor	А			protein-

**Table 6:** Predicted drug targets for Limonin, Isoflavone and Coumadin.

					coupled
					receptor
	Estrogen-related	Εςράγ	D11474	CHEMPI 2420	Nuclear
	receptor alpha	LONNA	F114/4	CHEMBL3429	receptor
	Epidermal				
	growth factor	EGFR	P00533	CHEMBL203	Kinase
	receptor erbB1				
Coumadin	G-protein	GPR35	Q9HC9	CHEMBL129326	Family A G
	coupled receptor		7	7	protein-
	35				coupled
					receptor
	Subtilisin/kexin	PCSK7	Q16549	CHEMBL2232	Protease
	type 7				
	MAP kinase	MAPK1	P28482	CHEMBL4040	Kinase
	ERK2				
	Serine/threonine	PIM1	P11309	CHEMBL2147	Kinase
	-protein kinase				
	PIM1				

# **Table 7:** Structural similar bioactive molecules from drug bank

Drugs	Similar structure Drug bank id	Name	Score	Status
	DB00682	Warfarin	0.998	Approved
Couradin	DB00946	Phenprocoumon	0.959	Approved
Coumaum	DB02507	4-Hydroxy-3-[(1s)-3-Oxo-1-Phenylbutyl]-	0.998	Experimental
		2h-Chromen-2-One		
	DB04202	Isoformononetin	0.393	Experimental
	DB08419	(1S)-1-(PHENOXYMETHYL)PROPYL	0.134	Experimental
Icoflevena		METHYLPHOSPHONOCHLORIDOATE		
Isonavone	DB07990	(RP,SP)-O-(2R)-(1-PHENOXYBUT-2-	0.126	Experimental
		YL)-METHYLPHOSPHONIC ACID		
		CHLORIDE		
Limonin	No similarit	y Found		

#### Discussion

As both infection rate and mortality have not been reduced due to SARS-CoV-2, it has been too much important for researchers to develop appropriate drugs to inhibit this virus. Regarding to this matter, scientists are working immensely to develop drugs to combat this disease (Lake, 2020). But till now there are no specific drugs to be used for the treatment of this disease. Although some candidates are within the investigational phase, numerous of them raised questionable issues (Fang et al., 2020). Besides different types of chemical agents, plant-derived natural products play a significant role in the development of drug candidates (Joseph et al., 2017). In this study, attempts were taken to assess some plant-derived metabolites as inhibitory agents of SARS-CoV-2 based on their binding affinities to the four key proteins of the pathogen. The study suggested that among different plant metabolites, isoflavone, limonin and Coumadin may play most effective role against four major proteins of SARS-CoV-2.

Drug discovery is the step-by- step process by which new candidates of drugs are discovered. In case of drug discovery, the contribution of computational biology is praiseworthy. This sector can speed up the identification of drug targets, screening and refinement of drug candidates. Computer based analysis also assists in determination of toxicity patterns of drug candidates. By this way, one can represent the binding possibilities of promising small molecules as ligands/inhibitors (Sekhar, 2020). Several phytomolecules like Luteolin, Quercetin, Baicalein and Kaempferol are potential antiviral agents against various threatening viruses including HIV, Dengue, H5N1 influenza A virus, CHIKV, Coxsackie virus etc (Ghildiyal et al., 2020). Different in silico techniques have also been employed to test putative drug candidates against SARS-CoV-2 (Habbu et al., 2009; Parvez et al., 2020). A recent study claimed the use of alpha-ketoamide as a Mpro (Main protease protein) inhibitor of this virus to determine it's efficiency as a drug candidate. However, main protease proteins or RNA-dependent RNA polymerase of SARS-CoV-2 were used as probable drug targets by most of these experiments. In this study, we focused on some plant metabolites against major proteins of SARS-CoV-2 such as main proteases (6W63), RNA binding protein (6W4B), spike receptor binding domain (6M0J) and HR2 domain (6LVN) through molecular docking strategy (Chang et al., 2010). Proteases cleave and transform polyproteins into

mature non-structural proteins (NSPs) (Hilgenfeld, 2014). Thus the main protease of SARS-CoV-2 is a key enzyme for this virus as it is needed for cleavage ofpolyproteins translated from the viral RNA to make them functional (Anand et al., 2003). On the other hand, the entry of coronavirus into host cells is mediated by the transmembrane spike (S) glycoprotein that forms homotrimers protruding from the viral surface. S protein composed of two subunits functionally active for binding to the host cell receptor (S<sub>1</sub> subunit) and viral and cellular membranes fusion (S<sub>2</sub> subunit). After the interaction of the receptor-binding subunit to the receptor, the HR1 and HR2 domains of the membrane fusion subunit attach with each other and build a six-helix bundle and this conformational modification causes the close apposition of the fusion peptide resulting in virus-cell membrane fusion (Moore et al., 2003). Thus, spike protein binds to human ACE2 and CLEC4M/DC-SIGNR receptors and facilitates the internalization of the virus into the host cell's endosomes that induces structural changes in the S glycoprotein (Tortorici and Veesler, 2019). By inhibiting these proteins, therefore, it is possible to fight SARS-CoV-2.

Docking result of this study revealed that 3 plant metabolites such as Isoflavone, Limonin and Coumadin have maximum scores and low binding energy for each macromolecule. Isoflavone showed highest binding affinity for spike receptor binding protein (52.98kcal/mol) and main protease protein (-59.55kcal/mol) (Figure 2). On the contrary, Limonin and Coumadin had highest binding affinity for HR2 domain (-28.89kcal/mol) and RNA binding protein (-45.62kcal/mol) respectively (Figure 2). The top candidates scored either close or even lower than alpha ketoamide, the positive control for this study. Isoflavones are a subclass of flavonoids, the significant phytoestrogens naturally reside in plants. Isoflavones are largelyfound in soybeans (5-30 mg/100 g). It is known that topoisomerase enzyme is essential for replication of microorganisms. Isoflavone inhibits the catalytic activity of the enzyme by stabilizing the covalent topoisomerase II-DNA cleavage complex and thus microbial growth can be stopped (Yao et al., 2008). Isoflavones also can reduce the infectivity of various viruses affecting humans and animals, such as adenovirus, human immunedeficiency virus, herpes simplex virus, rotavirus, and porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus. They have been shown to influence viral attachment, entrance, replication, translation and formation of certain virus envelope glycoprotein complexes. Isoflavones have also effect on numerous host cell signaling processes, mentioning gene transcription factors induction and cytokines secretion (Lin et al., 1999). Limonene and perillyl

alcohol along with their metabolites (particularlyperillic acid and its methyl ester) possess bioactivities such as antiviral, antitumor, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory agents. Limonin suppresses HIV-1 LTR transcription and viral replication and also has a vital function to inhibit herpes simplex virus (Abd et al., 2019). Coumadin is one such natural compound that is a potential drug candidate owing to its properties of stability, solubility, and low toxicity (Sagor et al., 2010). Various evidences showed its inhibitory function against several viruses such as HIV, Enterovirus 71 (EV71), Influenza and coxsackievirus A16 (CVA16). It either inhibits essential proteins of viral entry, replication and infection or regulates cellular pathways such as Akt-Mtor (mammalian target of rapamycin), NF- $\kappa$ B (nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells), and antioxidative pathway including NrF-2 (The nuclear factor erythroid 2 (NFE2)-related factor 2) (Wang et al., 2012).

In the present study, the molecular interactions of top metabolites with SARS-CoV-2 key proteins disclosed (Fig. 2 and Table 2). The catalytic domain of SARS-CoV-2 main protease protein is the location where the binding sites for each ligand occupied (Yang et al., 2003). From different common binding residues, His41 and Cys145 are responsible for the catalytic dyad formation and act as a substrate recognition site (Yang et al., 2003; Wu et al., 2020). The top drug candidates fitted well into the active pocket of MPP where numerous hydrophobic amino acids such as Met49, Gly143, Gly205, Cys145, Met165, Pro168, Ala191 and Ala 396 constitute a relatively hydrophobic environment, which may be favorable for conformational stabilization (Wu et al., 2020).

The amino acid positions 13 to 24 of HR2 Domain were most significant for binding with ligands where Asp17, Arg18, Glu21 and Lys24 were binding sites for each of the three top metabolites. Besides, the regions from 91 to 99 and from 196 to 210 were revealed as top surface hotspots for spike receptor binding domain in which Leu95, Gln98, Gly205, Asp206, Tyr207, Glu208, Val209 and Asn210 were prevalent. The ligands experienced greatest binding affinity for 50-75 positions of Nsp9 (Non-structural protein-9) RNA binding protein, and for 141-168 and 186-192 regions of SARS-Cov-2 main protease (6W63). Nsp9 protein has some significant binding sites (39–73 region) that are characterized by positively charged, glycine rich  $\beta$ -loops, which were suggested to be involved in RNA binding (Litter et al., 2020).Moreover, distinct domains of SARS-CoV-2 spike protein were our targets, which are necessary in the viral entry into the host cell (Shang et al., 2020). The study may be helpful to reveal the main drug target hotspots and medicinal chemistry of the investigational drugs which are under trials at present against SARS-CoV-2.

deformability analysis for all studied complex shows unsignificant hinges The (Figure 4: A, 5: A; 6: A, 7: A).. The B factor analysis refers no significant loops were present in the complexes (Figure4:B,5:B;6:B,7:B).. The eigen values were higher which shows complex resistance to deformation and remains stable (Figure4:C,5:C;6:C,7:C)...The RMSD values for all 2Å the structures were lesser than and weren't show undesirable any repulsion(Figure4:D,5:D;6:D,7:D)..RMSF values shows a regular pattern of atomic fluctuations during the molecular dynamics stimulation(Figure4:F,5:F;6:F,7:F). The Rg value were higher for all studied component. This means the ligand interacting to the proteins were significantly influenced the structural activity of protein (Figure4:E,5:E;6:E,7:E).

ADME data can be measured experimentally or predicted computationally, both of them deliver a key insight how a drug will ultimately be treated or accepted by the body. Although a drug lead may exhibit remarkable efficacy in vitro, poor ADME results usually obstruct its development. Computational strategies anticipate potential ADME and toxicity problems and help to reduce the number of experiments that require animals. Therefore, to investigate the drug profiles of the top drug candidates, ADME analysis was conducted. However, no metabolites showed any unexpected consequences that could curtail their drug likeness properties. Drug targets of top drug candidates mostly belonged to the classes of family A G protein-coupled receptor, protease, kinase and nuclear receptor (Fig. 9 and Table 6). Again all of these three metabolites showed solubility which is an important property of a drug candidate. The toxicity prediction results of our study showedthat all three drug candidates are non-carcinogenic, non-mutagenic, insensitive to skin and alsoshowedno hepatotoxicity. All the drug candidates are friendly to heart asthey showed negative result in hERGIand hERG II inhibitors prediction test. Overall the toxicity prediction test suggested those drugs are safe to take as a medication to treat Covid-19. Ligand based drug similarity analysis result revealed three structural analogs of Coumadin. Among them two (Warfarin and Phenprocoumon) are approved and another one (4-Hydroxy-3-[(1s)-3-Oxo-1-Phenylbutyl]-2h-Chromen-2-One) is still in experimental stage. Both Warfarin and Phenprocoumon are used to treat blood clots (such as in deep vein thrombosis-DVT or pulmonary embolus-PE) and/or to prevent new clots from forming in your body. Prevention of detrimental blood clots causes to lessen the risk ofstroke or heart attack (Bandali et al., 2014).

As it is known that COVID 19 can also cause heart attack, this medications can be used as a supportive agent in this disease. Furthermore, isoflavone has three structurally similar analogs which are in

experimental stage. Thus from the above discussion ,it can be expected that all these top three plant metabolites can be used as potential drug candidates against SARS-CoV-2.

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**Supplementary File 1:** Molecular docking results of metabolites with different SARS-CoV-2 proteins/protein domains

Macromolecule	Ligands/	Solution	Global	ACE		Saama	<b>A m</b> 00
S	Metabolites	Number	energy	ACE	HB	Score	Area
HR2	Allyl propyl	2	12.14	0.77	0.00	2104	222 70
Domain(6LVN)	disulfide		-13.14	-0.77		2194	255.70
	Apigenin	5	-23.22	-1.71	0.00	3012	314.00
	Aristolochic acid	1	-21.51	0.90	0.00	5580	664.60
	Artocarpesin	4	-20.51	-1.17	0.00	3608	391.60
	Ascorbic acid	2	-26.96	-2.49	0.00	3528	411.20
	Asparagine	1	-15.80	-5.74	0.00	1914	195.50
	Camphene	8	-17.75	-6.48	0.00	2446	276.80
	Chavicine	2	-24.61	-2.55	0.00	3826	437.60
	Chrysoeriol	2	-27.18	0.32	0.00	4638	509.30
	Cianidanol	9	-20.40	-8.71	0.00	2194	246.20
	Citronellal	3	-26.14	-0.49	0.00	3796	445.80
	Cleomiscosin B	8	-24.62	2.82	0.00	3766	430.60
	Coumadin	10	-26.38	-0.92	0.00	3656	413.80
	Dihydromorin	6	-23.51	-1.55	0.00	3054	323.60
	Flavylium	1	-24.55	-0.75	0.00	4152	457.30
	Genkwanin	6	-19.67	-6.69	0.00	2182	244.00
	Geraniol	5	-20.90	-0.85	0.00	3156	360.50
	Gingerol	4	-24.66	-0.44	0.00	3588	423.40
	Hydrocyanic acid	6	-16.13	-5.70	0.00	2062	232.40
	Isoflavone	7	-25.73	1.68	0.00	4274	554.70
	Limonin	1	-28.89	-0.36	0.00	4186	471.90
	Myrcene	1	-21.36	-0.23	0.00	3100	336.80
	Norartocarpeti	1	-19.02	1.44	0.00	3214	366.70
	Paucine	2	-19.75	2.56	0.00	3428	376.40
	Procyanidin	1	-20.75	-0.54	0.00	3132	320.20
	Quinine	5	-23.85	-8.57	0.00	3028	384.40
	Reserpine	4	-6.16	3.19	-0.23	1468	150.20

	Riboflavin	4	-16.80	-0.38	0.00	2440	274.00
	Steppogenin	4	-15.11	-4.67	0.00	1826	197.20
	Stigmasterol	10	-22.14	-7.17	0.00	2910	390.80
	Triterpenoids	4	-16.86	-5.71	0.00	1894	203.00
	Vanillin	5	-21.96	-9.28	0.00	3204	383.00
	Yohimbine	4	-20.27	0.11	0.00	3178	343.20
Spike receptor	Allyl propyl	5	26.02	<u> </u>	0.00	2126	416.00
binding domain	disulfide		-20.92	-8.03		5120	410.00
(6M0J)	Apigenin	1	-35.13	-8.87	0.00	4284	545.10
	Aristolochic acid	6	-43.39	-10.89	0.00	6404	865.00
	Artocarpesin	1	-36.03	-7.60	0.00	4832	582.00
	Ascorbic acid	4	-38.36	-9.51	0.00	4310	491.70
	Asparagine	4	-25.15	-7.53	0.00	2672	367.60
	Camphene	5	-29.84	-7.82	0.00	3438	400.30
	Chavicine	4	-44.57	-11.52	0.00	4458	600.50
	Chrysoeriol	1	-47.87	-13.10	0.00	5696	684.50
	Cianidanol	5	-31.09	-11.67	0.00	2952	338.30
	Citronellal	10	-52.48	-13.47	0.00	4454	623.10
	Cleomiscosin B	1	-44.11	-10.95	0.00	5482	631.70
	Coumadin	10	-45.91	-13.47	0.00	4968	624.50
	Dihydromorin	2	-35.12	-9.45	0.00	3926	477.40
	Flavylium	4	-51.37	-11.93	0.00	4788	645.90
	Genkwanin	3	-29.35	-9.41	0.00	3010	434.80
	Geraniol	9	-40.66	-9.13	0.00	4054	553.80
	Gingerol	1	-42.42	-11.53	0.00	4956	584.70
	Hydrocyanic acid	7	-26.88	-7.37	0.00	2648	331.50
	Isoflavone	1	-52.98	-13.56	0.00	6254	764.30
	Limonin	9	-41.87	-5.42	0.00	4476	590.80
	Myrcene	7	-35.10	-10.14	0.00	3594	445.50
	Norartocarpeti	6	-37.84	-4.03	0.00	3780	491.30

	Paucine	1	-39.56	-9.88	0.00	4462	509.40
	Procyanidin	2	-35.44	-10.20	0.00	3922	467.90
	Quinine	5	-38.49	-10.17	0.00	3702	449.80
	Reserpine	3	-22.92	1.62	-2.27	2314	258.30
	Riboflavin	5	-26.93	-7.16	0.00	3242	418.80
	Steppogenin	6	-28.22	-6.60	0.00	2598	300.20
	Stigmasterol	2	-44.24	-13.07	0.00	3968	483.60
	Triterpenoids	9	-26.83	-6.94	0.00	2432	287.90
	Vanillin	8	-45.56	-10.57	0.00	3962	534.40
	Yohimbine	5	-37.53	-4.45	0.00	3898	501.50
Nsp9 (Non-	Allyl propyl	3	26.17	7 1 1	0.00	2946	271.40
structural	disulfide		-20.17	-/.11		2040	571.40
protein-9) RNA	Apigenin	3	-33.66	-9.62	0.00	3652	452.20
binding protein	Aristolochic acid	9	-32.78	-12.96	0.00	5954	799.40
(6W4B)	Artocarpesin	8	-38.83	-12.50	0.00	4086	498.60
	Ascorbic acid	7	-39.58	-12.06	0.00	4092	489.80
	Asparagine	2	-28.30	-7.44	0.00	2538	328.60
	Camphene	1	-30.59	-7.82	0.00	3234	407.20
	Chavicine	5	-45.05	-14.85	0.00	4154	539.80
	Chrysoeriol	10	-38.41	-12.50	0.00	4936	600.40
	Cianidanol	7	-28.79	-10.78	0.00	2480	305.50
	Citronellal	6	-43.99	-12.52	0.00	4550	557.80
	Cleomiscosin B	9	-36.53	-13.16	0.00	4502	513.50
	Coumadin	1	-45.62	-14.28	0.00	4890	581.20
	Dihydromorin	10	-48.04	-13.63	0.00	3410	412.80
	Flavylium	3	-42.72	-11.02	0.00	4654	577.70
	Genkwanin	5	-33.37	-11.04	0.00	2616	360.30
	Geraniol	6	-47.30	-14.27	0.00	3846	480.20
	Gingerol	7	-36.55	-11.99	0.00	4358	480.30
	Hydrocyanic acid	2	-25.70	-6.44	0.00	2522	332.60

	Isoflavone	6	-40.96	-7.94	0.00	5358	748.70
	Limonin	4	-42.57	-10.74	0.00	4388	570.80
	Myrcene	7	-43.99	-12.56	0.00	3332	391.60
	Norartocarpeti	10	-42.01	-11.99	0.00	3354	408.00
	Paucine	8	-40.86	-12.54	0.00	3842	445.00
	Procyanidin	10	-34.66	-10.99	0.00	3344	418.30
	Quinine	5	-35.95	-9.29	0.00	3500	446.10
	Reserpine	1	-15.80	-0.73	-0.49	2344	249.80
	Riboflavin	2	-29.09	-7.90	0.00	3102	394.50
	Steppogenin	2	-25.94	-7.87	0.00	2570	282.50
	Stigmasterol	6	-39.49	-10.03	0.00	3600	486.80
	Triterpenoids	2	-27.55	-8.23	0.00	2424	281.50
	Vanillin	1	-36.77	-9.31	0.00	3982	507.00
	Yohimbine	1	-37.36	-9.52	0.00	3730	461.70
SARS-Cov-2	Allyl propyl	6	_25.75	-6.58	0.00	2730	287.00
main protease	disulfide		-23.15	-0.50		2750	207.00
(6W63)	Apigenin	1	-39.74	-12.31	0.00	3762	432.80
	Aristolochic acid	7	-53.99	-17.66	0.00	5756	681.30
	Artocarpesin	2	-40.32	-13.19	0.00	4290	494.50
	Ascorbic acid	4	-43.81	-14.33	0.00	3994	458.10
	Asparagine	8	-25.54	-8.54	0.00	2160	257.80
	Camphene	1	-28.39	-8.67	0.00	3394	355.00
	Chavicine	4	-49.50	-16.06	0.00	4000	476.00
	Chrysoeriol	7	-42.44	-14.40	0.00	4738	553.70
	Cianidanol	7	-23.58	-9.21	0.00	2514	275.20
	Citronellal	9	-47.72	-15.46	0.00	4132	509.10
	Cleomiscosin B	2	-51.24	-16.39	0.00	4826	553.70
	Coumadin	2	-51.96	-16.85	0.00	4832	603.50
	Dihydromorin	2	-41.72	-12.41	0.00	3602	417.00
	Flavylium	3	-44.52	-13.92	0.00	4258	502.40

Genkwanin	9	-27.79	-8.04	0.00	2528	292.00
Geraniol	1	-47.89	-14.69	0.00	4032	466.40
Gingerol	1	-49.15	-14.84	0.00	4494	478.90
Hydrocyanic acid	4	-23.77	-6.31	0.00	2464	263.90
Isoflavone	9	-59.55	-16.48	0.00	5028	604.80
Limonin	1	-49.00	-14.86	0.00	4704	507.40
Myrcene	2	-41.69	-11.86	0.00	3662	400.90
Norartocarpeti	1	-37.67	-11.33	0.00	3814	407.80
Paucine	1	-44.76	-12.42	0.00	3858	444.50
Procyanidin	1	-42.72	-12.40	0.00	3786	406.30
Quinine	4	-42.20	-12.49	0.00	3494	420.80
Reserpine	6	-15.62	-0.03	-0.91	1898	213.50
Riboflavin	4	-27.23	-7.90	0.00	2984	351.60
Steppogenin	8	-25.24	-5.87	0.00	2248	308.50
Stigmasterol	6	-41.60	-12.35	0.00	3404	387.70
Triterpenoids	4	-24.31	-6.04	0.00	2246	304.90
Vanillin	7	-43.33	-12.73	0.00	3690	415.40
Yohimbine	3	-42.38	-11.68	0.00	3570	402.60