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Marine Sponges: Repositories of Bioactive compounds with Medicinal applications

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Abstract : Marine Sponges and its associated symbiotic organisms are considered as the depositories of bioactive compounds and secondary metabolites naturally. Compounds in specific can be used for different applications as a drug candidate. It is believed that sponges have the potential to cure various diseases such as malaria, cancer and other viral infections. Eventhough the mechanism of action is still unclear for few cases, compounds in crude extracts interferes with the pathogenesis of different diseases. Based on the preliminary screening results of *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies, researchers are trying to formulate medicinal products out of this crude extract and to commercialize in the market. Chemical compounds of few sponges have varying carbon skeletons which have the ability to fight against different pathogens and may provide immunity to individuals affected by various diseases.

Key Words : Sponges, Bioactive Compounds, Secondary Metabolites, Malaria, Cancer.

Introduction:

Marine environment is a reservoir of natural bioactive products which is of having pharmaceutical importance. Marine organisms normally produce natural bioactive compounds for protection, communication and reproduction against predation, infection and competition. These natural products serve as a source for invention of new molecules and are considered as the most important drug lead in different fields.

Marine sponges are sessile animals that look like plants which attached themselves to a rock, shell or seafloor when they are young and live there for the rest of their lives. Sponges belong to the phylum Porifera, are oldest and simplest of multicellular animals with bodies full of pores which show relatively little differentiation and tissue coordination¹. 8000 species were identified which were found throughout tropical, temperate and polar regions. Sponges are considered as an important component of pharmaceutical bioactive compounds among other marine sources. Discovery of Marine based natural products began in 1950s by the identification of nucleosides products spongothymidine and spongouridine in the marine sponge *Cryptotheca crypta*^{2,3}. Marine sponges and its associated microbes, seaweeds, soft and hard corals, gorgonians, cnidarians, etc is considered as factories for several pharmaceutical drugs. Nucleosides, Alkaloids, Steroids, Peptides, Terpenoids, Isoprenoids, Prostaglandins, Quinones, Brominated Compounds and Toxins are the major products of marine sponges which are of having prime importance.

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Nowadays, bioactive compounds from marine sources are of great importance. Bioactive substances from marine sponges or other associated microbes possess antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal, antileishmanial activity, antihelmintic activity, anti-inflammatory, antimalarial, antifouling, antibiotics, analgesic, antiallergic activity, antithrombotic activity, antihypertensive, immunomodulatory, hepatoprotective activity and neurosuppressive function.

Marine sponges have the potential to provide future drugs against important diseases such as malaria, cancer and other viral diseases⁴. Sponges are classified into three main classes such as Calcarea, Demospongiae and Hexactinellida. Among these, it was found that Demospongiae is the major source of bioactive compounds. In addition to bioactive substances, sponges produce secondary metabolites which help to defend themselves against foreign prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms.

Microbes such as bacteria, fungi and microalgae are also associated with marine sponges with beneficiary impact. Most common symbiont associated with marine sponges is bacteria and fungi whereas bacterial species outnumber fungal species. Cyanobacteria, Bacteroidetes, Actinobacteria, Chloroflexi, Proteobacteria, Nitrospira, Poribacteria, Verrucomicrobia Planctomycetes, Archaea and Acidobacteria are the major bacterial species that are associated with marine sponges. Discovery of pharmaceutically active substances from symbionts associated with marine sponges is also of greater interest. Bacterial phylum actinobacteria and fungal division ascomycota are the prime producers of bioactive compounds among other species.

In this review, pharmacologically active substances as potential drug candidates from marine sponges were focused.

Antimicrobial activity (Antibacterial and Antifungal):

Antibiotic resistant bacterium like *Staphylococcus aureus* creates a considerable problem and is involved in causing major infections. Presently many antibiotics became resistant by many strains which led to the discovery of newer class of antibiotics. Crude extracts obtained from marine sponges exhibit varying antibacterial activity for marine and terrestrial bacteria^{5,6,7,8,9}. Selected crude extracts obtained from sponges have antibacterial activity against Gram positive and Gram negative species. Nearly 800 potent antibiotic substances were identified from marine sponges¹⁰. Even though antibiotic substances were identified, no antibacterial product was reported yet in the discovered marine natural product but many of them are under investigation in current research.

Fungal infection is predominant in the case of patients suffering from AIDS, immune depressants, hematological malignancies and transplant recipients which led to the development of novel compounds with antifungal activity^{11,12}. It remains a major cause of death in patients who are treated for malignant disease¹³. Immunocompromised persons are severely infected by *Candida*, *Aspergillus*, *Cryptococcus* and other opportunistic fungi. In order to provide solution to these fungal associated problems new anti-fungal agents have to be discovered. Several species of marine sponges were screened for antimicrobial activity and are listed in the table 1.

Table 1: Selected marine species with antimicrobial activity.

Sponge	Compound/class	Function / Target Species	Reference
<i>Aplysia aerophoba</i> , <i>Verongia thiona</i>	Aerothionin	Antibiotic, <i>M. tuberculosis</i>	14
<i>Agelas oroides</i>	4,5-dibromopyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (Carboxylic acid)	Alters cellular calcium signals	15
<i>Phakellia flagellate</i>	Dibromophakellin (Alkaloids)	Antibacterial	16
<i>Halichondria mooriei</i>	Halistanol (Sterol)	<i>Streptococcus</i> sp	17

<i>Plakina</i> sp.	Plakinamine A (Steroidal alkaloid)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Candida albicans</i> .	18
<i>Plakina</i> sp.	Plakinamine B (Steroidal alkaloid)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Candida albicans</i> .	18
<i>Dysidea</i> , <i>Euryspongia</i> and <i>Siphonodictyon</i> species.	Furanoid (sesquiterpenoids)	Anti-bacterial	19
<i>Aplysina caissara</i>	Bromotyrosine compounds such as Fistryalin-3 and 11- hydroxyaerthionin	Antibiotic activity <i>E. coli</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>S. aureus</i>	20
<i>Cliona varians</i>	Lectins	Cytotoxic activity Gram positive bacteria, such as <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and agglutinated <i>Leishmania chagasi</i> , promastigotes	21
<i>Ircinia</i> sp.	Unknown	Antibiotic, analgesic and anti- inflammatory properties	20
<i>Sigmatocia pumila</i>	Unknown	Gram positive bacterial strains included <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> MTCC 4714, <i>Enterococci fecalis</i> MTCC 439, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> MTCC 1143, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , MTCC 737 and <i>Proteus vulgaris</i> MTCC 426. Gram negative strains such as the <i>E.</i> <i>coli</i> MTCC 443, <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> MTCC 109, <i>Pseudomonas putida</i> MTCC 1688 and <i>Serratia liquefaciens</i> MTCC 3039 Antifungal <i>Trichoderma viride</i> MTCC 2047, <i>Fuzarium sp</i> MTCC 284, <i>Aspergillus niger</i> MTCC 1344, <i>Candida albicans</i> MTCC 183, <i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i> MTCC 5108 and <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> MTCC 873	20
<i>Aplysina cavernicola</i>	Aeropylsinin and aerthionin and other dibromo and dichlorotyrosine derivatives	Antibiotic <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> and <i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	22
<i>Stylotella aurantium</i>	Unknown	<i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Salmonella typhi</i> and <i>Staphylococcus</i> <i>aureus</i> .	23
<i>Haliclona molitba</i>	Unknown	<i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Salmonella typhi</i> , and <i>Staphylococcus</i> <i>aureus</i> .	23

<i>Luffariella variabilis</i>	Manoalide	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	24
<i>Zygomycete</i> sp	Unknown	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> , <i>Proteus vulgaris</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i>	24
<i>Cinachyrella</i> sp., <i>Haliclona</i> sp. and <i>Petromica citrina</i>	Unknown	Antibacterial activity coagulase-negative <i>Staphylococci</i> (CNS) strains (responsible for causing bovine mastitis), including strains resistant to conventional antibiotics	24
<i>Discodermia kiiensis</i> /Lithistida	Discodermins B, C and D (Cyclic peptide)	Antibacterial <i>B. subtilis</i>	25
<i>Arenosclera brasiliensis</i>	Arenosclerins A-C (Alkyl piperidine alkaloid)	Antibacterial <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ,	10
<i>Arenosclera brasiliensis</i>	Haliclona cyclamine E (Alkylpiperidine alkaloids)	<i>S. aureus</i> , <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	10
<i>Cliona varians</i>	CvL (Lectin)	Antibacterial <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i>	21
<i>Axinella</i> sp./ Halichondrida	Axinellamines B-D (Imidazo-azolo-imidazole alkaloid)	Antibacterial <i>H. Pylori</i> , <i>M. Luteus</i>	26
<i>Caminus sphaeroconia</i>	Caminosides A-D (Glycolipids)	Antibacterial <i>E. coli</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>	27
<i>Acanthostrongylophora</i> sp.	6-hydroxymanzamine E (Alkaloid)	Antibacterial <i>M. tuberculosis</i>	28
<i>Cribrochalina</i> sp.	Cribrostatin 3 (Alkaloid)	Antibacterial <i>N.gonorrhoeae</i> (antibiotic resistant strain)	29
<i>Cribrochalina</i> sp.	Cribrostatin 6 (Alkaloid)	Antibacterial <i>S. pneumoniae</i> (antibiotic resistant strain)	29
<i>Cacospongia</i> sp.	Isojaspic acid, cacospongin D and jaspinquinol Meroditerpenes	Antibacterial <i>S. epidermidis</i>	30
<i>Aaaptos aaptos</i>	Isoaaptamine (Alkaloid)	Antibacterial <i>S. aureus</i>	31
<i>Fasciospongia</i> sp	(-)-Microcionin-1 (Terpenoid)	Antibacterial <i>M. Luteus</i>	32

<i>Haliclona exigua</i>	Unknown	Antifungal <i>Candida albicans, Cryptococcus neoformans, Aspergillus fumigatus, Candida parapsilosis.</i>	20
<i>Topsentia</i> sp./ <i>Halichondrida</i>	Topsentiasterol sulfates A–E (Sulfated sterol)	Antibacterial/antifungal (D and E)	33
<i>Acanthodendrilla</i> sp./ <i>Dendroceratida</i>	Acanthosterol I and J (Sulfated sterol)	Antifungal	34
<i>Oceanapia phillipensis</i> / <i>Haplosclerida</i>	Oceanapiside (Bisaminohydroxylipid Glycoside)	Antifungal	35
<i>Hyrrios erecta</i> / <i>Dictyoceratida</i>	Spongistatin (Polyether macrolide Lactone)	Antifungal	29
<i>Leucascandra caveolata</i> / <i>Calcarea</i>	Leucascandrolide A (Oxazole-containing polyether macrolide)	Antifungal	36
<i>Lotrochota purpurea</i>	Halogenated alkaloids named purpuroines A-J	Inhibitory activity against diseases related to fungi and bacteria	37
<i>Haliclona</i> sp.	Novel cyclic bis-1,3-dialkylpyridiniums and cyclostelletamines	Moderate cytotoxic and antibacterial activities against A549 cell-line and Gram-positive strains	38
<i>Agelas mauritiana</i>	Alkaloids, (-)-8'-oxo-agelasine D, ageloxime B, (+)-2-oxo-agela-sidine C, 4-bromo-N-(butoxymethyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide and (-)-ageloxime D	Antifungal activity <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i> , antibacterial activity against <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and methicillin-resistant <i>S. aureus</i> <i>in vitro</i>	39

Antitumour Compounds:

Numerous sponge derived compounds are inhibitors of Protein Kinase C. High levels of PKC enzyme are involved in the pathogenesis of arthritis and psoriasis (owing to the regulation of phospholipase A2 activity), and in tumor development. PKC is considered as the receptor protein of tumour promoting phorbol esters while PKC inhibitors prevent binding of carcinosarcoma cells to the endothelium. Receptors glycosylation especially fucose containing residues play an important role in the binding of carcinosarcoma cells and leukocytes to the receptors present in the endothelium.

Fucosyltransferase inhibitors, like octa and nonaprenylhydroquinone sulfates which were isolated from a *Sarcotragus* sp, could be used as a promising candidate to control inflammatory processes such as arthritis or for combating tumor growth. Numerous anti-tumour compounds with different mode of action are identified and are listed in the table 2. Compounds of which can be classified into three classes. Non Specific Inhibitors, Specific Inhibitors and Inhibitors of cancer cells of certain type of Cancer.

Compounds considered as non specific inhibitors are valuable for treating cancers but the major drawback is that it also affects healthy cells. Considering this it has limited application with specific characteristics. The cytoskeleton is an important target for cancer therapy, since microtubules and microfilaments are directly involved in cellular organization during cell division. One such example is adociasulfates (triterpenoid hydroquinones) from a *Haliclona* sp. were the first discovered inhibitors of the kinesin motor protein. The compound selectively inhibits the protein by binding to the microtubule binding site, "locking up" the proteins motor function, and thereby blocking cell division. In addition to this lot of potent microtubule interfering compounds have been discovered. Specific Inhibitors are specifically active against

tumour. Compounds for inhibitors of cancer cells of certain type of Cancer have been isolated but the mechanism of action is unclear.

Table 2: Compounds which exhibit high antitumour activity.

Sponge	Compound	Function	Reference
<i>Hyrtios</i> sp	Heteronemin (marine sesterterpene)	Affecting the cellular processes including apoptosis, cell cycle, MAPKs pathway (mitogen-activated protein kinases) and the nuclear factor kappa B (NF-kappaB) signaling cascade	40
<i>oceanapia sagittaria</i>	Kuanoniamines A and C (pyridoacrydine alkaloids)	A potent inhibitor of DNA synthesis and it was also found to cause an extensive reduction of the MCF-7 cells in G-2 phase	41
<i>Thorectandra</i>	Thorectandrols	Anti Proliferative activity	42
<i>Aptos aptos</i> / <i>Hadromerida</i>	Isoaaptamine (Benzonaphthyridine alkaloid)	Protein kinase C inhibitor	43
<i>Hymeniacidonaldis</i> / <i>Halicondrida</i>	Debromohymenialdisine (Pyrrole-guanidine alkaloid)	Protein kinase C inhibitor	44
<i>Sarcotragus</i> sp./ <i>Dictyoceratida</i> <i>Haliclo</i> <i>na (aka Adocia) sp.</i> / <i>Haplosclerida</i>	Adociasulfates (Triterpenoid hydroquinones)	A1, 3-fucosyltransferase inhibitor Kinesin motor protein inhibitors	45
<i>Discodermia dissolute</i> / <i>Lithistida</i>	Discodermolide (Linear tetraene lactone)	Stabilization of microtubules	46
<i>Mycdle hentschett</i> / <i>Poecilosclerida</i>	Peloruside A (Macrocyclic lactone)	Stabilization of microtubules	47
<i>Plakinastrella</i> sp./ <i>Homosclerophorida</i>	Elenic acid (Alkylphenol)	Topoisomerase II inhibitor	47
<i>Leucetta</i> cf. <i>chagosensis</i>	Naamine D (Imidazole alkaloid)	Nitric oxide synthetase inhibitor	48
<i>Agelas mauritianus</i> / <i>Agelasida</i>	Agelasphin (KRN7000) (α -Galactosylceramide)	NKT cell activator	49
<i>Crambe crambe</i> / <i>Poecilosclerida</i>	Crambescidins 1-4 (Pentacyclic guanidine derivative)	Ca ²⁺ /channel blocker	50
<i>Latrunculia brevis</i> / <i>Poecilosclerida</i> ; <i>Prianos</i> sp./ <i>Haplosclerida</i>	Discorhabdin D (Fused pyrrolophenanthroline alkaloid)	Unknown	51
<i>Aplysilla glacialis</i> / <i>Dendroceratida</i>	Glaciasterols A and B 9, 11-Secosterol	Unknown	52
<i>Lobophytum duru</i>	Durumolides A-C (Terpenoid)	Inducible NOS and COX-2 inhibition	53
<i>Plakortis angulospiculatus</i>	Plakortide P (Polyketide)	TXB2 inhibition	54
<i>Hyrtios erectus</i>	24-methoxypetrosaspongia C (Sesterterpenes)	Unknown	55
<i>Calcareous sponge</i>	BRS1 (Diamino-dihydroxy polyunsaturated lipid)	Protein kinase C inhibitor	56

<i>Cacospongia mycofljiensis</i> / Dictyoceratida	Laulimalide (Macrocyclic lactone)	Stabilization of microtubules	57
<i>Auletta</i> sp./Halichondrida	Hemiasterlin (Unusual tripeptide)	Stabilization of microtubules	58
<i>Corallistidae</i> sp./Lithistida	Dictyostatin (Macrocyclic lactone)	Stabilization of microtubules	59
<i>Halichondria okadai</i> / Halichondrida	Halichondrin B (Polyether macrolide)	Tubulin polymerisation inhibitor	60, 61
<i>Macrocyclic lactan</i> / lactone	Arenastatin A	Dysidea arenaria/ Dendroceratida	62
<i>Latrunculia magnified</i> / Poecilosclerida	Latrunculin A (Thiazole macrolide)	Actin-depolymerisation	63, 64
<i>Theonella swinhoei</i> / Lithistida	Swinholide A (Macrocyclic lactone)	Actin-depolymerization	65
<i>Mycale</i> sp./Poecilosclerida	Mycalolide B (Oxazole macrolide)	Actin-depolymerization	66, 67
<i>Xestospongia carbonaria</i> cf Haplosclerida	Neoamphimedine (Pyridoacridine alkaloid)	Topoisomerase II inhibitor	68
<i>Spongia</i> sp./Dictyoceratida	Agosterol A (Sterol)	Reverses drug resistancy of cancer cells	69
<i>Haliclona</i> sp./Haplosclerida	Salicylihalamide A (Salicylate macrolide)	v-ATPase inhibitor	70
<i>Chondropsis</i> sp./Poecilosclerida	Chondropsin A and B (Macrolide lactam)	v-ATPase inhibitor	71, 72
<i>Cinachyrella</i> sp./Spirophorida	6-Hydroximino-4-en-3-one Steroids (Oximated steroid)	Aromatase inhibitor	73
<i>Haliclona nigra</i> /Haplosclerida	Haligramides A and B (Cyclic peptide)	Unknown	74
<i>Latrunculia brevis</i> /Poecilosclerida; <i>Prianos</i> sp./Haplosclerida	Discorhabdin D (Fused pyrrolophenanthroline alkaloid)	Unknown	75
<i>Callyspongia truncata</i> /Haplosclerida	Callystatin A (Polyketide)	Unknown	76
<i>Tedania ignis</i> /Poecilosclerida	Tedanolide (Macrocyclic lactone)	Unknown	77
<i>Aplysilla glacialis</i> /Dendrocerati da	Glaciasterols A and B 9, 11-Secosterol	Unknown	52
<i>Axinella carter!</i> /Halichondrida	Axinellins A and B (Cyclic peptide)	Unknown	78
<i>Dysidea incrustans</i> /Dendrocera tida	Incrustasterols A and B (Sterol)	Unknown	79

Anticancer compounds:**Table 3: Compounds with high anticancer activity.**

Sponge	Compound	Function	Reference
Discodermolide	Modified halichondrin BKRN-70000 Hemiasterlins A & B, Fascaphysins (alkaloid), Alipkinidine (alkaloid), Isohomohalichondrin B, 5-methoxyamphimedine (alkaloid), Laulimalide/Fijianolide, Variolin (alkaloid).	Anticancer	41
<i>Xestospongia</i> sp	Renieramycin M (tetrahydroisoquinoline) Genera - <i>Reniera</i>	Inhibit progression and metastasis of lung cancer cells.	80
<i>Monanchora pulchra</i>	Monanchocidin (polycyclic guanidine alkaloid)	Induced cell death in human monocytic leukemia (THP-1), human cervical cancer (HeLa) and mouse epidermal (JB6 Cl41) cells.	81
<i>Smenospongia</i> sp.	Smenospongine (sesquiterpene aminoquinone)	Induces antiangiogenic activities, antimicrobial, antiproliferative and cytotoxic.	82
<i>Spongia</i> sp.	Spongistatin-I (macrocyclic lactone polyether)	Mitosis inhibition, assembly of microtubule and the vinblastine binding to tubulin thereby inducing cytotoxic cell death in numerous cancer cell lines.	83

Antifouling Effects:

Natural sponge derived compounds were recently reviewed for antifouling effects with less toxic effect. Compounds derived from sponge exhibit settlement of barnacle larvae also inhibit fouling by macroalgae, or repel the blue mussel *Mytilus edulis galloprovincialis*. Antifouling property based compounds are highlighted in table 4.

Table 4: Sponges exhibit antifouling property.

Sponge	Compound	Reference
<i>Acanthella elongata</i>	Unknown	84
<i>Haliclona</i> sp. and <i>Reniera sarai</i>	poly 3-alkylpyridinium salts, saraine, and haminols	85
<i>Acanthella cavernosa</i> /Halichondrida	Kalihinene X (Isocyanoterpenoid)	86
<i>Acanthella cavernosa</i> /Halichondrida	Kalihipyran B (Isocyanoterpenoid)	87
<i>Acanthella cavernosa</i> /Halichondrida	10b-Formarnidokalihinol Isocyanoterpenoid	88
<i>Pseudoceratina purpurea</i> /Verongida	Pseudoceratidine 2, Dibromopyrrole-containing spermidine derivative	89
<i>Pseudoceratina purpurea</i> /Verongida	Ceratinamide A and B (Bromotyrosine derivative)	90
<i>Haliclona koremella</i> /Haplosclerida	C22 ceramide (Ceramide)	91
<i>Erylus formosus</i> /Astrophorida <i>Lendenfeldia chondrodes</i> /Dictyoceratida	Formoside Striterpene glycoside, sterol diperoxide	92
<i>Axinyssa</i> sp./Halichondrida	Axinyssimides Sesquiterpene carbonimide Cdichlorides	93

Anti –Malarial activity:

Certain compounds listed in the table 5 exhibit antimalarial activity. *Plasmodium* strains are mainly responsible for malaria. Multi-drug resistant plasmodium strains are emerging nowadays and it is very difficult to treat since those strains are resistant to many antibiotics chloroquinone, pyrimethamine and sulfadoxine. To overcome this, new antimalarial drugs has to be emerged in order to fight against multidrug resistant plasmodium strains. Terpenoid isocyanates, isothiocyanates and isonitriles from sponges showed selective in vitro anti malarial activity against *Plasmodium falciparum*. Free carboxylic acids are used as precursors for synthesis of new cyclic norditerpene peroxides after esterification. These epidioxy-substituted norditerpenes and norsesiterpenes exhibit selective antimalarial activity against both chloroquine-sensitive and chloroquine-resistant *P. falciparum* strains.

Table 5: Selective Sponges with anti malarial activity.

Sponge	Compound	Target / Function	Reference
<i>Phakellia ventilabrum</i>	Alkaloids	<i>P. falciparum</i>	20
<i>Aplysinella strongylata</i>	Psammalyisin derivatives	Chloroquine-sensitive (3D7) <i>P. falciparum</i>	94
Petrosid Ng5 Sp5 (family Petrosiidae)	Pentacyclic ingamine alkaloids [22(S)-hydroxyingamine A and dihydroingenamine D], together with the known compound ingamine A	Strong antiplasmodial activity against chloroquine-sensitive (D6) and resistant (W2) strains of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> .	95
<i>Zyzya</i> sp.	Bispyrroloiminoquinone alkaloid, tsitsikammamine C	Inhibited both ring and trophozoite stages of the malaria parasite life cycle	96
<i>Zyzya</i> sp.	Makaluvamines and damirones A	Potent growth inhibitory activity against both <i>P. falciparum</i> lines	96
<i>Iotrochota</i> sp	N-cinnamoyl-amino acids, iotrochamides A and B	Inhibit <i>Trypanosoma brucei</i>	97
<i>Stylissa cf. massa</i>	8-isocyanato-15-formamidoamphilect-11(20)-ene and 8-isothiocyanato-15-formamidoamphilect-11(20)-ene, (Diterpenes)	<i>P. falciparum</i>	98
<i>Verongula rigida</i>	Nine bromotyrosine-derived compounds	<i>Leishmania panamensis</i> , <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> and <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> .	99
<i>Hymeniacidon</i> sp	Diterpenoid β -lactam alkaloid, Monamphilectine-A	<i>P. falciparum</i>	100
<i>Mycale laxissima</i> and <i>Clathria echinata</i>	Unknown	Exhibited promising antimalarial activities in the infection model of C57BL/6 mice with <i>Plasmodium berghei</i> ANKA	101
<i>Haliclona</i> sp./ Haplosclerida <i>Cymbastela hooperi</i> / Halichondrida <i>Diacarnus levii</i> / Poecilosclerida	Manzamine A (Alkaloids) diterpene isocyanates, isothiocyanates and isonitriles, norditerpenoid and norsesiterpenoid endoperoxides	<i>P. falciparum</i> , <i>T. gondii</i> , <i>P. berghei</i> ,	102
<i>Acanthella</i> sp./ <i>Halichondrida</i>	Kalihinol A Isonitril-containing	<i>P. falciparum</i>	103

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<i>Cymbastela hooperi</i>	Diisocyanoadociane Tetracyclic diterpene	<i>P. falciparum</i>	104
	Halichondramide Macrolides	<i>P. falciparum</i>	105
<i>Diacarnus erythraeanus</i>	Sigmosceptrellin-B Norsesterterpene acid	<i>T. gondii, P. falciparum</i>	105
<i>Agelas oroides</i>	(E)-Oroidin Alkaloids	<i>P. falciparum</i>	106
<i>Plakortis simplex</i>	Plakortin and Dihydroplakortin Cycloperoxidase	<i>P. falciparum</i>	107
<i>Acanthella klethra/ Halichondrida</i>	Axisonitrile-3 Sesquiterpenoid isocyanide	<i>P. falciparum</i>	108

Larvicidal activity and Pesticidal Activity:

Table 6: Marine sponges exhibiting larvicidal and Pesticidal activity.

Sponge	Function	Reference
<i>Clathria gargonoids</i> and <i>callyspongia diffusa</i>	Larvicidal activity against culex and insecticidal properties.	20
<i>Sigmodosia carnosa</i>	Higher toxic effect on <i>Aedes aegypti</i> .	20
<i>Haliclona pigmentifera, Petrosia similis</i>	Larvae of <i>A. janata</i> and <i>P. ricini</i>	20

Compounds from Marine Sponges with diverse property:

Table 11: Sponges with multiple applications.

Sponge	Compound	Function	Reference
<i>Haliclona</i> sp.	Manzamine A, beta-carboline alkaloid	Anti-inflammatory activity, antifungal, anti-HIV-I activities with moderate antitumor activities	83
<i>Pachypellina</i> species	8-hydroxymanzamine A	Antitumor and anti HSV-II activity	41
<i>Axinyssa</i> sp. <i>Halichondria</i> sp. and <i>Chondrosia reticulate</i> .	Unknown	Anti-M tuberculosis activity	20
<i>Topsentia</i> sp.	Unknown	Strong hemolytic activity on fresh bovine erythrocytes.	20
<i>Myrmekioderma styx</i>	Unknown	Hemagglutination activity	20
<i>Spongia</i> sp. and <i>Spirastrella</i> sp.	spongistatins	Antiproliferic activity	20
<i>Petrosia</i> sp.	Polyacetylenic alcohols, including (35,145)- petrocortyre A,	Cytotoxic activity against a small panel of human solid tumour cell liner by inhibiting DNA replication	109
<i>Ircinia ramosa</i>	Unknown	Possess antiviral, CNS stimulatory and antialgal properties	110
<i>Haliclona exigua</i>	Unknown	Antibacterial, Cytotoxic, Anti- inflammatory and Anti-oxidant activity	111

<i>Hippospongia</i> sp.	the pentacyclic sesterterpene, hippospongide A, and a scalarene sesterterpenoid, hippospongide B sesterterpenoids	Cytotoxic, Antispasmodic, and Antibacterial	112
<i>Jaspis stellifera</i>	stelletin A (Isomalabaricane triterpenoids)	Cytotoxic	113
<i>Jaspis stellifera</i>	stelliferins A-F	Antineoplastic activity against both murine lymphoma (L1210) and human epidermoid carcinoma (KB) cells	114
<i>Stelletta globostellata</i>	isomalabaricane triterpenoids globostellatic acids	Cytotoxic activity against murine leukemia P388 cells	115
<i>Stylissa carteri</i>	Carteramine A	Anti-inflammatory (Neutrophil Chemotaxis inhibitor)	116
<i>Petrosia strongylata</i>	Acetylenic alcohols, petrosiols	Interfering PDGF-R β signaling	117
<i>Rhaphisia lacazei</i>	Pyrazin-2(1H)-one	Interfering PDGF-R β signaling	118
<i>Fasciospongia cavernosa</i>	Cacospongionolide B	Interfering NF- κ B pathway	119
<i>Petrosaspongia nigra</i>	Petrosaspongiolide M	Interfering NF- κ B pathway	119
<i>Hyrtios erectus</i>	Hyrtiosal	Interfering TGF- β pathway	120
<i>Pandaros acanthifolium</i>	steroidal glycosides	Antioxidant and cytoprotective activities	121
<i>Agelas flabelliformis</i> Carter (Agelasidae)	4a-methyl-5a-cholest-8-en-3-ol 4,5-dibromo-2-pyrrolic acid	Immunosuppressive compounds	122
<i>Aurora globostellata</i>	Unknown	Immunomodulatory potential	123
<i>Cymbastela hooperi</i> ,	Diterpene isonitriles	Anti-fouling, anti-algal, anti-photosynthetic, anti-bacterial (Gram +ve and -ve), anti-fungal, and anti-tubercular activity	124
<i>Agelas linnaei</i> and <i>Ageles nakamurai</i>	alkaloid derivatives	Cytotoxic activity	125
<i>Amphimedon viridi</i> <i>Neopetrosia</i> sp.	Unknown	Antileishmanial activity	20

Anti-inflammatory activity:

Acute inflammations in the human body arise as a result of microbial infection, physical damage, chemical agents and allergens. Blood flow changes results in increasing the permeability of the blood vessels thereby allows escape of cells from blood into tissues. Chronic inflammation of the skin or joints results in severe damage to if it leads to psoriasis or rheumatic arthritis. Sponges have been proved as an interesting source for anti-inflammatory compounds. Manolide is the first identified anti-inflammatory compound from Marine sponge with proven benefits. Mechanism of action is based on irreversible inhibition of the release of arachidonic acid from membrane phospholipids by preventing the enzyme phospholipase A2 from binding to the membranes. Few sponge derived compounds were found to inhibit lipooxygenase, another enzyme which is

involved in inflammation. Increase in the intracellular concentration of arachidonic acid results in the synthesis of inflammation mediators like leukotrienes and prostaglandins.

Table 7: Species with anti inflammatory activity.

Sponge	Compound/class	Target / Function	Reference
<i>Luffariella variabilis</i> / Dictyoceratida	Manoalide (Cyclohexane sesterterpenoid)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	126
<i>Dysidea</i> sp./ Dendroceratida	Dysidotronic acid (Drimane sesquiterpenoid)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	127
<i>Ircinia oros</i> / Dictyoceratida	Ircinin-1 and -2 (Acyclic sesterterpenoid)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	128
<i>Petrosaspongia nigra</i> / Dictyoceratida	Petrosaspongiolides M-R (Cheilantane sesterterpenoid)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	129
<i>Spongia</i> sp./ Dictyoceratida	Spongidines A-D (Pyridinium alkaloid)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	130
<i>Topsentia genitrix</i> / Halichondrida	Topsentin (Bis-indole alkaloid)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	131
<i>Cacospongia scalaris</i> / Dictyoceratida	Scalaradial (Scalarane sesterterpene)	Phospholipase A2 inhibitor	132
<i>Jaspis splendens</i> / Astrophorida	Jaspaquinol (Diterpene benzenoid)	Lipoxygenase inhibitor	133
<i>Suberea</i> sp./Verongida	Subersic acid (Diterpene benzenoid)	Lipoxygenase inhibitor	133

Antiviral activity:

Several different sponges are rich source of bioactive compounds with antiviral properties. Screening and testing of anti-HIV agents from sponges led the researchers to gain interest to discover novel compounds. Eventhough lots of compound have been proved as anti-HIV agents the mechanism of action is still unclear. Despite of the introduction of HIV – inhibiting compounds from sponges, they do not have greater potential to fight against AIDS when compared with other viral diseases.

Table 8: Compounds with antiviral properties.

Sponge	Compound	Target / Function	Reference
<i>Jaspis</i> sp.	Jaspamide Macrocyclic depsipeptide	<i>C.albicans</i>	134
<i>Euryspongia</i> sp.	Eurysterols A-B (Sterols)	<i>C.albicans</i> , <i>Amphoterician</i> <i>B- resistant</i>	135
<i>Leucetta</i> cf. <i>chagosensis</i>	Naamine D (Imidazole alkaloid)	<i>C.neoformans</i>	136
<i>Monanchora</i> <i>unguifera</i>	Mirabilin B (Tricyclic guanidine Alkaloid)	<i>C.neoformans</i>	137
<i>Spongosorities</i> sp.	Hamacanthin A (Indole alkaloid)	<i>C.albicans</i>	138
<i>Spongosorities</i> sp.	Macanthins A-B (Indole alkaloid)	<i>C.albicans</i> , <i>C.neoformans</i>	138
<i>Agelas</i> sp.	Agelasines and Agelasimines Purine derivative	<i>C.krusei</i>	139
<i>Aaptos aaptos</i>	4-Methylaaptamine (Alkaloid)	Anti-viral (HSV-1)	140
<i>Theonella</i> sp.	Papuamides A–D (Cyclic depsipeptides)	Anti-viral (HIV-1)	141

<i>Cryptotethya crypta</i>	Vidarabine or Ara-A (Nucleoside)	HSV-1, HSV-2, VZV	142
<i>Dysidea avara</i>	Avarol Sesquiterpene hydroquinone	HIV-1,UAG suppressor Glutamine tRNA inhibitor	143
<i>Xestospongia</i> sp./ Haplosclerida	Haplosamates A and B (Sulfamated steroid)	Anti-viral (HIV-1Integrase inhibitor)	144
<i>Halicortex</i> sp.	Dragmacidin F (Alkaloid)	HIV-1	145
<i>Hamigera tarangaensis</i>	Hamigeran B (Phenolic Macrolide)	Anti-viral (herpes and polio virus)	146
<i>Mycale</i> sp.	Mycalamide A-B (Nucleosides)	A59 coronavirus, (HSV-1)	147
<i>Siliquariaspongia mirabilis</i>	Mirabamides A, C and D (Peptide)	Antiviral (HIV-1)	148
<i>Stylissa carteri</i>	Oroidin (Alkaloid)	Antiviral (HIV-1)	149
<i>Sidonops microspinosa</i>	Microspinosamide (cyclic depsipeptide)	Anti-HIV activity	150
<i>Neamphius huxleyi</i>	Neamphamide	Inhibits HIV growth	150
Monanchora	Crambescidin	Inhibits HIV-1 envelope fusion with normal cells	151
Lendenfeldia (Madagascan sponge)	Dehydrofurodendin	Inhibits the RT-RNA and DNA directed DNA polymerases like polyacetylenetriol	152
<i>Petrosia similis</i>	Petrosins	Inhibits HIV growth	153
<i>Axinella cf. corrugata</i>	Esculetin ethyl ester	Inhibits the protease 3CL of the SARS enzyme &effective against Corona virus	154
Order- Verongida	Mololipids (Tyramine lipid)	Antiviral (HIV-1)	155
<i>Petrosia weinbergi</i> / Haplosclerida	Weinbersterols A and B (Sulfated sterol)	Antiviral (feline leukemia, mouse influenza, mouse corona)	156
<i>Kirkpatrickia variolosa</i> / Poecilosclerida	Variolin B (Pyridopyrrolopyrimidine alkaloid)	Antiviral	51
2', 5' Linked oligonucleotide	2-5A	Interferon mediator	157
<i>Polyfibrospongia</i> sp./ Dictyoceratida	Hennoxazole A Bisoxazole	Antiviral	158

Neurosuppressives, Muscle Relaxants and Immunosuppressive Compounds:

Nitric oxide synthetase inhibitors downregulate Tcells and suppresses the immune system function thereby prevents the person from migraine attacks. Immune system suppression is the important process in case of hypersensitivity to certain allergens or other organ transplantations. In order to prevent rejection by the immune system, and also for several reasons compounds with medicinal value plays a significant role. Despite of several existing compounds, marine sponges are also considered as the source for development of immunosuppressive agents.

Neurosuppressive compounds interfere with neural communication which could be used as potent drug for neurologic disorders. Improper signaling in neuromuscular communication arises from stress which results in permanent muscle activation. Despite of these centrally acting muscle relaxants, which mediate neuromuscular communication, peripherally acting muscle relaxant can be used for local muscle relaxation. These can be applied for relief of strokes, or during intubations and surgery.

Table 9: Compounds with immunosuppressive, neurosuppressive and muscle relaxant property.

Sponge	Compound	Function/Mode of action	Reference
<i>Plakortis simplex</i> / Homosclerophorida	Simplexides (Glycolipids)	Inhibitors of T cell Proliferation	159
<i>Dysidea sp.</i> / Dendroceratida	Polyoxygenated sterols (Sterol)	IL 8 inhibitor	160
<i>Petrosia contignata</i> / Haplosclerida	Contignasterol (Oxygenated sterol)	Histamine release inhibitor	161
<i>Mycale sp.</i> / Poecilosclerida	Pateamine A (Thiazole macrolide)	IL-2 inhibitor	162
<i>Ianthella quadrangulata</i>	Iso-iantheran A (Polyketide)	Ionotropic P2Y11 receptor activation	163
<i>Dysidea herbacea</i> / Dendroceratida	Dysiherbaine (Unusual amino acid)	Glutamate receptor antagonist	164
<i>Agelas sp.</i> / Agelasida	Keramidine (Pyrrole-guanidine Alkaloid)	Serotonergic receptor antagonist	165
<i>Tedania digitata</i> / Poecilosclerida	1-Methylisoguanosine (Nucleoside analogue)	Unknown (muscle relaxant, antiallergic)	166
<i>Xestospongia sp.</i> / Haplosclerida	Xestospongins C (Macrocyclic bis-oxaquinolizidine)	IP3-inhibitor	167
<i>Spongionella sp.</i> / Dendroceratida	Okinonellin B Furanosesterterpenoid	Unknown (muscle relaxant)	168
<i>Spongisorites sp.</i> / Halichondrida	Bromotopsentin (Bis-indole alkaloid)	α 1-Adrenergic receptor antagonist	169
<i>Penares sp.</i> / Astrophorida	Penaresidin A (Azetidone alkaloid)	Actomyosin ATPase inhibitor	170
<i>Dysidea sp.</i> / Dendroceratida	S1319 (Benzothiazole derivative)	Unknown (antiasthmatic, uterine relaxation)	171

Cardiovascular agents:

Sponge derived molecules has the ability to interfere with blood related diseases such as thrombosis, atherosclerosis or diabetes. Blood coagulation process is triggered by a complex proteolytic cascade which leads to the formation of fibrin. Thrombin, a serine protease cleaves a peptide fragment from fibrinogen, which then leads to the generation of fibrin, a major component of blood clots.

Table 10: Selective compounds from Marine sponges as cardiovascular agents.

Sponge	Compound	Function	Reference
<i>Theonella sp.</i> / Lithistida	Cyclotheonamide A Cyclic pentapeptide	Serine protease inhibitor and is a potential drug for the treatment of Thrombosis	172
<i>Eryltus formosus</i> / Astrophorida	Eryloside F, Penasterol disaccharide	Thrombin receptor Antagonist	173
<i>Halichondria okadaei</i> / Halichondrida	Halichlorine, Cyclic aza-polyketide	VCAM-1 inhibitor	174
<i>Callyspongia truncata</i> / Haplosclerida	Callyspongynic, Acid Polyacetylene	α -glucosidase inhibitor	175

Analgesic Agents:

Compound Ziconotide isolated from the marine snail *Conus magus*, recently approved by the FDA to treat pain. The mechanism of action of ziconotide is still unclear. Results in animal models suggest that ziconotide blocks the N-Type calcium channels on the primary nociceptive nerves in the spinal cord¹⁷⁶.

Anti-oxidant activity:

Subergorgia suberosa derived natural products exhibit anti oxidant activity. Bioactive diterpenes such as Subergorgia acid 1 presence in the marine sponge showed anti oxidant property¹⁷⁷.

Conclusion:

Marine sponges naturally produce enormous amount of bioactive compounds and secondary metabolites in association with other symbiotic species for its defense mechanisms. These bioactive compounds can be used as active metabolites to treat various infections as antimicrobial agents, antibiotic, anti-inflammatory compounds, immunosuppressive compounds and can also affect pathogenesis of many diseases. Compounds in nature target different substances in pathways or receptors and exhibits its inhibitory role. Inhibitory mechanism or its mode of action for certain compounds from marine sponges can be found out but for most of the substances their exact mode of action is not well known. In addition to that, limited tests make the substances to get their exact mode of action and their origin. Most of the bioactive substances exhibit their potential of inhibiting certain enzymes and it mediate or it acts as a mediator of certain intracellular or intercellular messengers directly involved in the pathogenesis of diseases. Moreover in the drug discovery process, substances which exhibited as potent inhibitors *in vitro* turned not to commercialize as drug after experimenting *in vivo*. It is mandatory that substances which are proved with inhibitory activity *in vitro* should produce better results in the *in vivo* condition. Those substances can be screened to commercialize as drug with better bioavailability with lesser side effects. Few compounds from marine sponges are existing as drugs in the market for various diseases. Potency of sponge derived medicines lies in the fact based on their efficacy, bioavailability and their side effects. In addition, the active core area of these molecules can be found and it can be used as a vehicle to derive many compounds as derivatives with their own specific efficacy and side effects. Most important challenging job in transforming bioactive molecules into medicine is to screen the treasure house of sponge metabolites and to select those displaying specific functions against a particular disease. But it should be decided that how these bioactive molecules can be produced in a large scale remains a question.

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