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## Natural Chloroform: A Review and Update

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**ABSTRACT:** An important source of secondary metabolites is plants. Plants provide a wealth of useful compounds, including several that are cytoprotective, natural, and therapeutic. Among the many significant secondary metabolites, chalcones stand out. Foods, vegetables, tea, spices, and other natural products are a good source of modulatory and pharmacological compounds. In flavonoid biosynthesis, chalcones play an essential mediating role, but they do not accumulate to a significant level throughout the plant kingdom. Several disorders may be amenable to the cytoprotective and modulatory effects of the chalcones, a class of polyphenolic chemicals generated from plants that are members of the flavonoids family. The majority of naturally occurring chalcones have been found in plants belonging to the Leguminosae, Asteraceae, and Moraceae families. The E-antimicrobial, antifungal, anti-mycobacterial, antimalarial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-tumor, anti-leishmanial, and anticancer activities of chalcones and their derivatives have made them widely employed in traditional medicine.

In this review, we will take a look at the many chalcone compounds found in nature and how scientists have been working to find new ones, as well as the pharmacological screening of chalcones, the research of their biological activities, and their significance.

**Keywords:** Chalcones, Secondary metabolites, phytochemicals, screening

### INTRODUCTION:

A class of chemicals found in many plants, chalcones are phenolic or flavonoid. 1. They play an important role in flavonoid production as both an intermediate and an end product. 2. They are defensive chemicals that interact with pathogens and contribute to the therapeutic efficacy of herbs. 3. There is a vast array of biological functions shown by both naturally occurring chalcones and their synthesized derivatives. 3. This is why chalcones are attracting more and more attention from the scientific community.

One of the first steps in the production of

flavonoids and isoflavonoids, chalcones are members of the biggest group of secondary metabolites found in plants. As a protective strategy, they help plants fend off harmful microbes, insects, and animals by reducing the effects of reactive oxygen species. 6. From a chemical standpoint, chalcones, also known as 1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-one Fig. 1, are open chain flavonoids. These flavonoids have an  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl system and are composed of two aromatic benzene rings connected by a three-carbon enone molecule.

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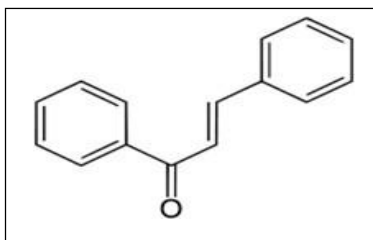
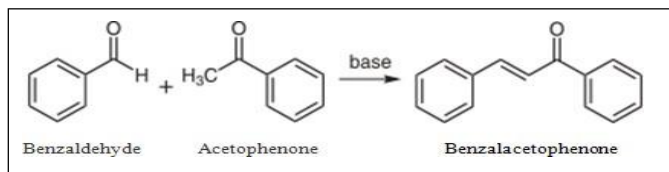


FIG.1: STRUCTURE OF CHALCONE

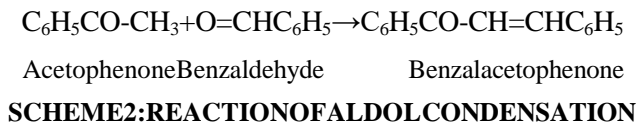
**Synthetic Method of Preparing Chalcones:** Although chalcones occur naturally, they could be available in larger amounts through an efficient synthesis method. Chalcones can be prepared by any two condensation reactions namely: **Claisen Schmidt Condensation:** The most convenient method is the Claisen-Schmidt condensation of equimolar quantities of aryl methyl ketone (acetophenone) with aryl aldehyde (benzaldehyde) in the presence of alcoholic alkali (sodium hydroxide) as a catalyst.

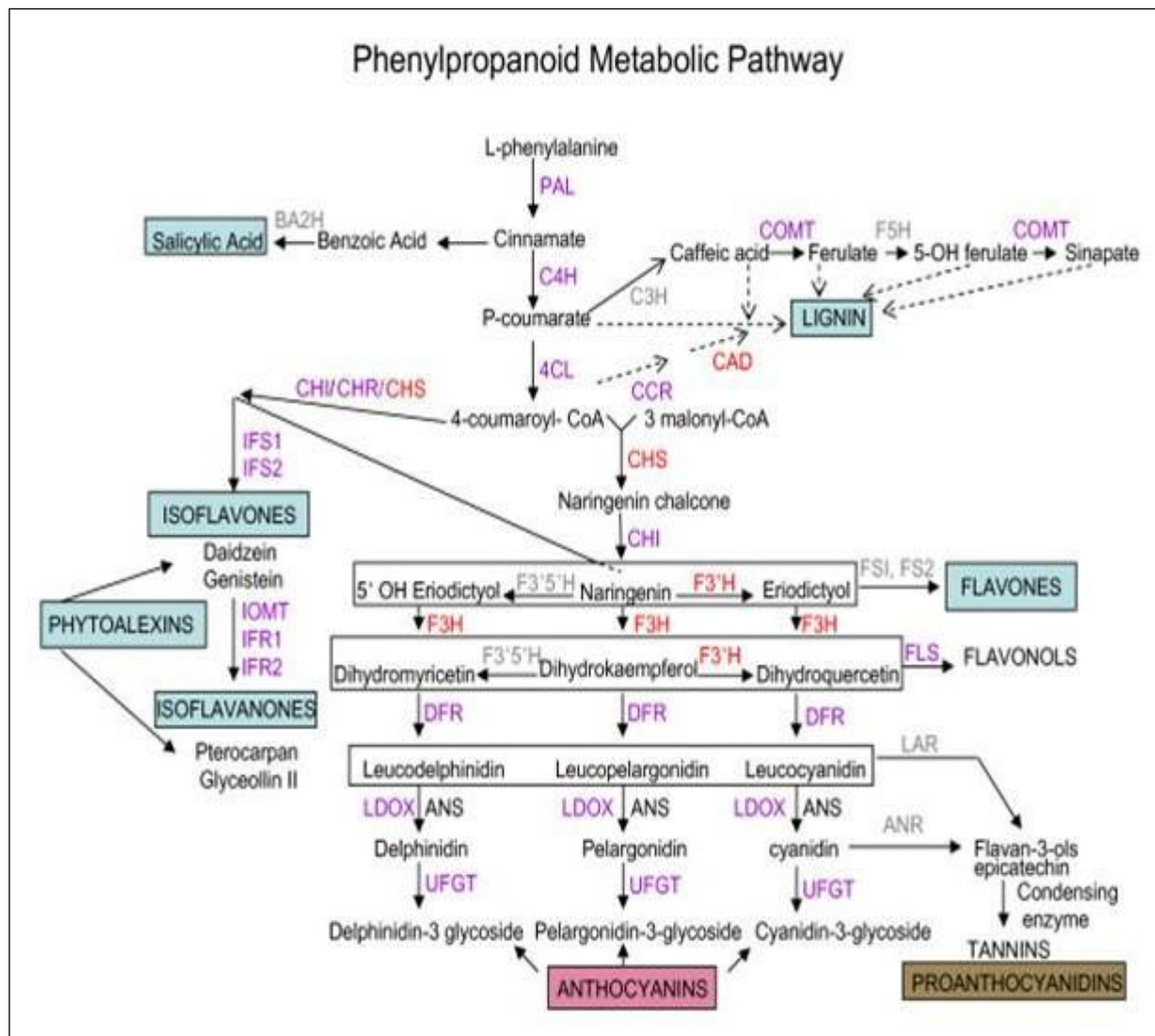


**SCHEME 1: REACTION OF CLAISEN SCHMIDT CONDENSATION** This method of reaction has been found without any solvent as a solid-state reaction. It can be used as an example of green chemistry synthesis in undergraduate education <sup>8</sup>.

**Aldol Condensation:** Acetophenone and benzaldehyde are the starting materials for this reaction. First, acetophenone is treated with a base like KOH which converts it into the more active form, its enolate form.

It will then react with benzaldehyde to form intermediate. The intermediate will then lose water molecule by heat to form chalcone <sup>9</sup>.





**FIG.2:PHENYLPROPANOIDBIOSYNTHESISPATHWAY**

**Biosynthesis of Chalcones:** Natural product components known as chalcones or benzylideneacetophenone have a wide range of biological and pharmacological effects. 10. By combining one molecule of p-coumaril-CoA with three molecules of malonyl-CoA, the enzyme Chalcone synthase creates chalcones in higher plants. An aromatic B-ring and the 3C bridge of chalcone (C6-C3-) are generated when the amino acid L-phenylalanine, which is synthesized in the shikimic acid route, is converted to p-coumaril-CoA via the phenylpropanoid pathway. Merging three molecules of malonyl-CoA (-C6) results in the formation of the aromatic A-ring.

There are three primary pathways in plant metabolism that chalcone takes after synthesis. In most circumstances, it may be transformed to naringenin by the action of Chalcone isomerase. It can also be used to make aurones by the Aureusidin synthase and to form glycosyl conjugates, which are yellow floral pigments that accumulate in plants. The 5-hydroxyflavanone naringenin is made by chalcone isomerase "type I," which is present in most higher plants (except from leguminous ones). This enzyme is essential for the biosynthesis of almost all flavonoids, including flavones, isoflavones, flavonols, condensed tannins, and anthocyanins.

**Natural Occurrence of Chalcones:** Isolated from *Dydimocarpus aurentica* 12 were aurentiacin A and aurentiacin B, which are 2-hydroxyl-4,6-dimethoxy-3-methylchalcone and 2,4-dihydroxy-5-methyl-17,6-methoxy chalcone, respectively. The ceroptin chemotype of *Pityrogramma triangularis* 13 produced an exudate farina that included the triangularin-2', 6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3'-methylchalcone. The 2,4,6-trimethyl-2- (3-phenylpropionyl)-cyclohexane-1,3, 5-trione and 2',6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3',5'-dimethyldihydrochalcone were isolated from *Myrica gale* fruits. 14 . The derris robusta seed shells yielded a novel chalcone, rubone, among other compounds. Dihydrofuranochalcone, a novel Bakuchalcone, was found in *Psoralea corylifolia* seeds. 16. The chalcone derivatives lapathinol, lapathone,

angelafolone, valafolone, and melafolone were extracted from 17 different plants of the *Polygonum lapathifolium* species. The plant also yielded a novel isoflavone and a dihydrochalcone. The novel dimeric dihydrochalcone Brackenin was discovered

the zanguebarica branch of *Brackenridgea* 18. Isolated from the roots of *Tephrosia woodii* 19 are oaxacacin, a novel prenylated flavanone, and mixtecacin, its chalcone. From *Helichrysum rugulosum* 20, a complex combination of chalcones and flavanones, 1, 3, 4- trimethoxy derivatives, dimethylallyl groups, and methoxy derivatives was extracted. The leaves of *Lindera umbellata* 21 have yielded two dihydrochalcones: 2,4',6'-trihydroxydihydrochalcone and 2', 6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxydihydrochalcone. Two chalcones, isoliquiritin and licuraside, were isolated from the root of the *Glycyrrhizae* plant.

*Angelica keiskei* 23 roots yielded four novel chalcones, xanthangelols B-E. The green portions and flower heads of *Bidens tripartita* 24 were used to isolate 2'-hydroxy-4, 4-dimethoxychalcone. The root bark of *Pongamia pinnata* yielded two novel  $\beta$ -hydroxychalcones, ponganones I and II.

For ponganone-I, the structures were identified as 7-hydroxy-2', 5'-dimethoxy-3, 4-methylenedioxy-[6", 6"-dimethyl- pyrano (2",3",4',3')] chalcone, and for ponganone II, the structures were described as 7-hydroxy-2', 5'-dimethoxy-3, 4-methylenedioxy-[6", 6"-dimethylpyrano(2", 3": 4', 3')] chalcone. *Dalbergia stipulacea* root extract 26 has yielded a novel diprenylated chalcone stipulin. For the first time, a novel compound called beta-sitosterol, 3'-methoxyflavone, 3'-dihydroxychalcone, and 3'-hydroxychalcone have been extracted from the whole *Primula macrophylla* plant. The roots of *Tephrosia spinosa* 28 were used to extract flemistrictin A chalcones, spinochalcones A and B.

The crude extract of *Calythropsis aurea* 29 yielded two novel chalcones: calythropsin and dihydrocalythropsin. Two new dihydrochalcones, 2',4, 4', 6'-tetrahydroxy-5-(E-3, 7-dimethylocta-2,



6-dienyl)-3-(3-methylbut-2-enyl) dihydrochalcone and 2',4,4',6'- tetrahydroxy-3,5-di(3-methylbut-2-enyl) dihydrochalcone, were isolated and identified from the aerial portions of *Boronia inconspicua* 30. The ethyl acetate extract of *Fissistigma lanuginosum* 31 also yielded chalcone pedicin, two more condensed chalcones, fissistin and isofissistin. The aerial portions of *Syzygium samarangense* 32 were used to isolate a novel triterpene, methyl-3-epi-betulinic in its original form and 4',6'-dihydroxy-2'-methoxy-3',5'-dimethyl chalcone.

Munchiwarin, a chalcone with the 2, 2, 6-tri-isoprenyl-cyclohex-5-ene-1, 3-dione skeleton, was isolated from *Crotalaria trifoliastrum* 33. Flavonoids, syzalterin, L-farrerol and L-liquiritigenin and the chalcone isoliquiritigenin were isolated from fresh flowering bulbs of *Pancratium maritimum* L. 34  $\alpha$ -hydroxydihydrochalcone ( $\alpha$ ,4,2'-trihydroxy-4'-O-geranyldihydrochalcone), a new isoflavone norisoflavanone have been isolated from the stem bark of *Milletia usaramensis* 35. 2', 3'-Dihydroxy-4' 6'-dimethoxychalcone and the corresponding dihydrochalcone were isolated from the leaves of *Uvaria dulcis* 36. Prorepensin was isolated from the extract of the dried powdered twigs of *Dorstenia prorepens*. *Dorstenia zenkeri* yielded p-hydroxybenzaldehyde, dorsmanin A, 4,2,4-trihydroxychalcone and 4,2,4-trihydroxy-3-prenylchalcone 37. L-hydroxypanduratin A, panduratin A, sakuranetin, pinostrobin, pinocembrin and dihydro-5,6-dehydrokawain were isolated from red rhizome variety of *Boesenbergia pandurata* 38.

A new prenylated chalcone Artoindonesianin J isolated from the root bark of *Artocarpus bracteata* Hook 39. Pure lonchocarpin and derricin were isolated from *Lonchocarpus sericeus* Kunth 40. Xanthoangelol, isobavachalcone, Xanthoangelol H, laserpitin, isolaserpitin, 3'-senecioidyl khellacone, 4'-senecioidylkhellactone, selinidin, pteryxin, (3'R)-3'-hysroxcolumbianidin, mumdulea flavanone A, prostratol F, falcarindiol and 5- N- penta-decylresorcinol were isolated from the exudate of *Angelica keiskei* 41. Three sweet dihydrochalcone glucosides tribatin 2"-acetate, phloridzin and

tribatin from the leaves of *Lithocarpus pachyphyllus* (Kurz) 42.

Three novel chalcone derivatives, malloto-philippens C, D, and E were isolated from the fruits of *Mallotus philippinensis* 43. Two new chalcone 2', 6'-dihydroxy-4-isopenteniloxo-3, 4-(3'',3''-dimethylpyrano) chalcone and 4,2',6'-trihydroxy-3',4'- metilenodioxo-3-isopentenilchalcone were isolated from the wood ethanolic extract of *Beilschmiedia tovarensis* 44. 2'-hydroxy-4', 6'-dimethoxy-3, 4-methylenedioxy chalcone was isolated from the leaves of *Bauhinia variegata* 45. A new flavanone, 7-hydroxy-5,6-dimethoxyflavanone together with three other flavonoids, didymocarpin, 2',4'- dihydroxy-5'6'-dimethoxychalcone and

isodidymocarpin had been isolated from the methanol extract of the tree bark of *Cryptocarya costata* 46. Three new chalcones, xanthokeismins A, B and C in addition to a known chalcone, Xanthoangelol B from the stem of *Angelica keiskei* 47. Garcinol, the antioxidant chalcone isolated from *Garcinia indica* Choisy 48. Isocordoin and 2',4'- dihydroxy-3'-(dimethylallyl)-dihydrochalcone were isolated from the root of *Lonchocarpus xuul* 49. The phytochemical analysis of the plant *Bacopa monnieri* reveals that it contains a chalcone type of compound 2,4,6-trihydroxy-5-(3,3-dimethylpropenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl) propiophenone 50. Two new chalcone derivatives morachalcones B and C were isolated from the leaves of *Mora alba* L. 51

Hybrid flavan-chalcones, desmosflavans A and B, together with three known compounds, cardamonin, pinocembrin and crysin were isolated from leaves of *Desmos cochinchinensis* 52. Eight chalcone derivatives as the active principles, including licochalcone G, licochalcone A, echinatin, 5-prenylbutenin, licochalcone D, isoliquiritigenin, licoagrochalcone A and kanzonol C from the *Glycyrrhiza inflata* 53. Two new chalcone

glycosides 4'-O-(6"-O-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)- 2',4'-dihydroxychalcone and 4'-O-(6"-O-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)- 2'-hydroxy-4'-methoxychalcone together with one known chalcone glycoside 4'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl- 2'-hydroxy-4'-methoxychalcone were isolated from the stems of *Entada phaseoloides*<sup>54</sup>. A new flavanone (mildbone) and a new chalcone (mildbenone) have been obtained from African *Erythrina* species, *Erythrina mildbraedii* of Cameroon<sup>55</sup>.

Four flavonoids were obtained and their structures were identified as 3-hydroxy-4-methoxylon-chocarpin a new prenylated chalcone, 4-methoxylonchocarpin, isobavachromene and dorspoinsettifolin were isolated from the seeds of *Milletia pachycarpa*<sup>56</sup>. A new acetylated chalcone glycoside, trans-2' 6'-dihydroxy-4'-O-(4"-acetyl-rhamnoside)-4'-methoxychalcone and a new biflavonoid glycosides, 5,3',5",4"-tetrahydroxy-3", 5" dimethoxy- biflavone (4'→8")- 7'-O-((2-rhamnoside) rhamnoside) were isolated from the ethyl acetate soluble fraction of the methanol extract obtained from *Trigonostadium brachytaenium*<sup>57</sup>.

Three new chalcone dimers oxyfadichacones A, B and C along with four known chalcones, 2',4'-dihydroxychalcone, 2',4',4'-trihydroxychalcone, 2'-hydroxy-4'-methoxychalcone and 2',4'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxychalcone, were yielded and identified from *Oxytropis falcata*<sup>58</sup>. Bractelactone, a novel chalcone from *Fissistigma bacteolatum*<sup>59</sup>.

Nardokanshone A, a new type of sesquiterpenoid-chalcone hybrid isolated from *Nardostachys chinensis*<sup>60</sup>. Two new diprenylated dihydro-chalcones, elastichalcone A1 and elastichalcone B2 were isolated from the leaves of *Artocarpus elasticus*<sup>61</sup>. Three new chalcones, 3, 2'-dihydroxy-4,3'-dimethoxychalcone-4'-glucoside, 4'-O-(2"-O-

caffeoyl)-2',3',3,4-tetrahydroxychalcone and 2',4',3'-trihydroxy-3',4'-dimethoxychalcone were isolated from *Coreopsis lanceolata* flowers<sup>62</sup>.

Chalcone dimers Lophirone B and C compounds were isolated from *Lophira alata*<sup>63</sup>. A new prenylated chalcone xanthohumol-M, bichalcone humulusol and six known chalcones were found from *Humulus lupulus*<sup>64</sup>. Bis-dihydrochalcone diglucoside containing a cyclobutene ring, a methylene-bridged bischalcone glycoside, both probably dimers of the co-occurring isosalipur-

poside, and seven known naringenin, apigenin, kaempferol and luteoline glucoside identified and isolated from extract of the air-dried aerial parts of *Helicrysum zivojinii*<sup>65</sup>. Cardamonin, a schistosomicidal chalcone from *Piper aduncum* L. (Piperaceae) that inhibits *Schistosoma mansoni* ATP diphosphohydrolase<sup>66</sup>.

Six new flavonoids 2',4'-dihydroxychalcone-6'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside,  $\alpha$ , 3, 2', 4'-tetrahydroxy-4'-methoxy-dihydrochalcone-3', -C- $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl-6'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, 7'-hydroxy-5, 8'-dimethoxy-6' $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-8-(3-phenyl-trans-acryloyl)-1-benzopyran-2-one, 6',7'-dihydroxy-5,8-dimethoxy-8(3-phenyl-trans-acryloyl)-1-benzopyran-2-one, 9-hydroxy-3, 8'-dimethoxy-4'-prenylpterocarpan and  $\alpha$ , 4, 4'-trihydroxydihydrochalcone-2'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside were isolated from bark of *Eysenhardtia polystachya*<sup>67</sup>. Two chalcones, sappanchalcone and 3-deoxysappanchalcone were isolated from the ethanolic extract obtained from *Haematoxylum campechianum* L.<sup>68</sup> Two chalcone derivatives isolated from Finger root with nutraceutical potentials<sup>69</sup>. Flavokawain B, pinostrobin and pashanone chalcones were isolated from seeds of *Persicaria lapathifolia*<sup>70</sup>.

**TABLE1: LIST OF CHALCONES FROM MEDICINAL PLANTS**

Medicinal Plant name	Chalcone	Reference no.
<i>Dydimocarpus aurentica</i>	Aurentiacin A and Aurentiacin B	Adhityachaudhury <sup>12</sup> , 1976
<i>Pityrogramma triangularis</i>	Triangularin-2',6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3'-methylchalcone	Star <sup>13</sup> , 1978
<i>Myricagale</i>	2',6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy-3',5'-dimethyl dihydrochalcone	Uyar <sup>14</sup> , 1978
<i>Derris robusta</i>	Rubone	Chibber <sup>15</sup> , 1979
<i>Psoralea corylifolia</i>	<i>Bakuchalcone</i>	Suri <sup>16</sup> , 1980
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	dihydrochalcone and three chalcone derivatives lapathinol, lapathone	Ahmad <sup>17</sup> , 1981
<i>Brackenridgea zanguebarica</i>	Brackeninin	Drewes <sup>18</sup> , 1983
<i>Tephrosia woodii</i>	Mixtecacin	Dominguez <sup>19</sup> , 1983
<i>Helichrysum rugulosum</i>	Mixture of 1,3,4- trimethoxy derivatives and dimethyl allyl groups and methoxy derivatives chalcone	Bohlmann <sup>20</sup> , 1984
<i>Lindera umbellata</i>	2',6'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxy dihydrochalcone and 2,4',6'-trihydroxy dihydrochalcone	Tanaka <sup>21</sup> , 1984
<i>Glycyrrhiza radix</i>	Isoliquiritin and Licuraside	Aida <sup>22</sup> , 1990
<i>Angelica keiskei</i>	Xanthangelols B-E	Baba <sup>23</sup> , 1990
<i>Bidens bipartita</i>	2'-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy chalcone	Christensen <sup>24</sup> , 1990
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Ponganones I and II	Tanaka <sup>25</sup> , 1991
<i>Dalbergia stipulacea</i>	Stipulin	Bhatt <sup>26</sup> , 1992
<i>Primula macrophylla</i>	3,3'-dihydroxy chalcone	Ahmad <sup>27</sup> , 1992
<i>Tephrosia spinosa</i>	Spinochalcones A and B, flemistricin A	Venkata Rao <sup>28</sup> , 1992
<i>Calythropsis aurea</i>	Calythropsin and dihydrocalythropsin	Beutler <sup>29</sup> , 1993
<i>Boronia inconspicua</i>	2',4,4',6'-tetrahydroxy-5-(E-3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dienyl)-3-(3-methylbut-2-enyl) dihydrochalcone and 2',4,4',6'-tetrahydroxy-3,5-di(3-methylbut-2-enyl) dihydrochalcone	Ahsan <sup>30</sup> , 1994
<i>Fissistigma lanuginosum</i>	Pedicin, fissistin and isofissistin	Alias <sup>31</sup> , 1995
<i>Syzygium samarangense</i>	4',6'-dihydroxy-2'-methoxy-3',5'-dimethyl chalcone	Srivastava <sup>32</sup> , 1995
<i>Crotalaria trifoliastrium</i>	Munchiwarin	Yang <sup>33</sup> , 1998
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i> L.	Isoliquiritigenin	Youssef <sup>34</sup> , 1998
<i>Millettia saramensis</i>	$\alpha$ ,4,2'-trihydroxy-4'-O-geranyldihydrochalcone	Yenesew <sup>35</sup> , 1998
<i>Uvariadulcis</i>	2',3'-Dihydroxy-4',6'-dimethoxy chalcone	Chantrapromma <sup>36</sup> , 2000
<i>Dorstenia prorepens</i> <i>Dorstenia zenkeri</i>	Prorepensin	
	p-hydroxybenzaldehyde, dorsmanin A, 4,2,4- trihydroxy chalcone and 4,2,4-trihydroxy-3- prenylchalcone	
Abegaz <sup>37</sup> , 2002		
Abegaz <sup>37</sup> , 2002		
<i>Boesenbergia pandurata</i>	L-hydroxy panduratin A, panduratin A, sakuranetin, pinostrobin, pinocembrin and dihydro-5,6- dehydrokawain	
Tuchinda <sup>38</sup> , 2002		
<i>Artocarpus bracteata</i>	Artoindonesianin J	Ersam <sup>39</sup> , 2002
<i>Lonchocarpus sericeus</i>	Lonchocarpin and derricin	Andrade Cunha <sup>40</sup> , 2003
<i>Angelica keiskei</i>	Xanthoangelol, isobavachalcone, Xanthoangelol H, laserpitin, isolaserpitin, 3'-senecioidiol, khellacone, 4'- senecioidiol, khellactone, selinidin	
<i>Lithocarpus pachyphyllus</i>	Threesweet dihydrochalcone glucoside tribatin 2"-acetate, phloridzin and trilobatin	
Akihisa <sup>41</sup> , 2003		
Yang <sup>42</sup> , 2004		
<i>Mallotus philippinensis</i>	Mallotophilippens C, D and E	Daikonya <sup>43</sup> , 2004
<i>Beilschmiedia tovaensis</i>	2',6'-dihydroxy-4-isopenteniloxyl-3,4-(3'',3''-	



<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	dimethylpyrano)chalcone and 4,2',6'-trihydroxy-3',4'-methylenedioxy-3-isopentenylchalcone 2'-hydroxy-4',6'-dimethoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy chalcone Suarez <sup>44</sup> , 2005	
<i>Cryptocarya costata</i>	Maheswara <sup>45</sup> , 2006	
<i>Angelica keiskei</i>	2',4'-dihydroxy-5'6'-dimethoxychalcone	Usman <sup>46</sup> , 2006
<i>Garcinia indica</i> Choisy	Xanthokeismins A, B and C	Aoki <sup>47</sup> , 2008
<i>Lonchocarpus xuui</i>	Garcinol	Panhey <sup>48</sup> , 2009
<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	Isocordoin and 2',4'-dihydroxy-3'-(dimethylallyl)- dihydrochalcone 2,4,6-trihydroxy-5-(3,3-dimethylpropenyl)-3-(4- hydroxyphenyl)propiophenone Borges-Argaez <sup>49</sup> , 2009	
<i>Mora alba</i> L.	Suresh <sup>50</sup> , 2010	
<i>Desmoscochinensis</i>	Morachalcones B and C Desmosflavans A and B	Yang <sup>51</sup> , 2010 Bajgai <sup>52</sup> , 2011

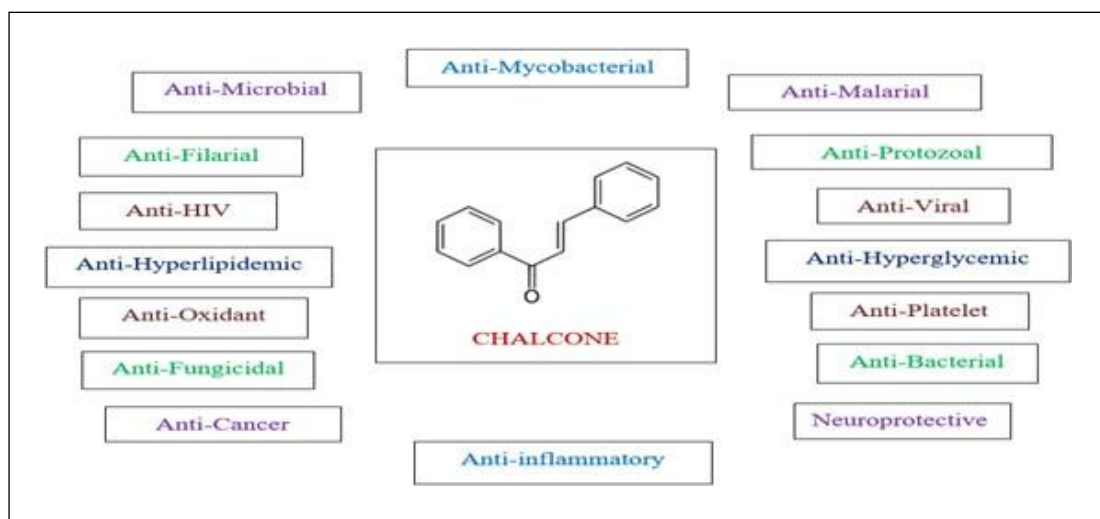
<i>Glycyrrhiza inflata</i>	Licochalcone G, licochalcone A, echinantin, 5-prenylbutein, licochalcone D, isoliquiritigenin, licoagrochalcone A and kanzonol C	
<i>Entadaphaseoloides</i>	4'-O-(6"-O-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-2',4-dihydroxychalcone, 4'-O-(6"-O-galloyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-2'-hydroxy-4-methoxychalcone and 4'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-2'-hydroxy-4-methoxychalcone	
Dao <sup>53</sup> , 2011		
Zhao <sup>54</sup> , 2011		
<i>Erythrina mildbraedii</i>	Mildbenone	Ali <sup>55</sup> , 2012
<i>Millettiapachycarpa</i>	4-methoxylonchocarpin, isobavachromene and dorsipoinsettifolin	
<i>Trigonostadium brachytaenium</i>	Trans-2'6'-dihydroxy-4'-O-(4"-acetyl-rhamnoside)-4-methoxychalcone	
<i>Oxytropis falcata</i>	2',4'-dihydroxychalcone, 2',4',4'-trihydroxychalcone, 2'-hydroxy-4'-methoxychalcone and 2',4'-dihydroxy-4-methoxychalcone	
	Su <sup>56</sup> , 2012	
	Akhavan <sup>57</sup> , 2013	
	Zhang <sup>58</sup> , 2013	
<i>Fissistigma bacteolatum</i>	Bractelactone	Wu <sup>59</sup> , 2013
<i>Nardostachys chinensis</i>	Nardokanshone A and Diprenylated	Wang <sup>60</sup> , 2013
<i>Artocarpus elasticus</i>	dihydrochalcones, Elastic chalcone A1 and Elastic chalcone B2	
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	3,2'-dihydroxy-4,3'-dimethoxychalcone-4'-glucoside, 4'-O-(2'''-O-caffeoyl)-2',3',3,4-Ramli <sup>61</sup> , 2013	Shang <sup>62</sup> , 2013
<i>Lophira alata</i>	tetrahydroxychalcone and 2',4',3-trihydroxy-3',4-dimethoxychalcone	
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Lophirone B and C	Ajiboye <sup>63</sup> , 2014
<i>Helicrysum zivojinii</i>	Xanthohumol-M, bichalcone humulusol and six known chalcones	Yu <sup>64</sup> , 2014
<i>Piper aduncum</i> L.	Bis-dihydrochalcone	Aljancic <sup>65</sup> , 2014
<i>Eysenhardtia polystachya</i>	Cardamonin	Castro <sup>66</sup> , 2015
	2',4'-dihydroxychalcone-6'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, $\alpha$ ,3,2',4'-tetrahydroxy-4-methoxy-dihydrochalcone-3',-C- $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl-6'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside and $\alpha$ ,4,4'-trihydroxydihydrochalcone-2'-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside	Perez-Gutierrez <sup>67</sup> , 2016
<i>Haematoxylum campechianum</i> L.	Sappanchalcone and 3-deoxysappanchalcone	Escobar-Ramos <sup>68</sup> , 2017
Fingerroot	Two chalcone derivatives	Brahimawad <sup>69</sup> , 2018
<i>Persicaria lapathifolia</i>	Flavokawain B, pinostrobin and pashanone chalcones	Hailemariam <sup>70</sup> , 2018

**Importance of Chalcones:** The pharmacophore of chalcones is intriguing because it can be used as a building block to make various five- and six-membered heterocyclic compounds, including pyrimidines, pyrazolines, flavones, flavonols, flavonones, aurones, and benzoylcoumarones. It can also be used to make compounds with medicinal potential, such as deoxybenzoins and hydantoin. Chalcones and their derivatives have a wide range of uses, including artificial sweeteners, scintillators, catalysts for polymerization, whitening agents (both fluorescent and organic), stabilizers against heat,

visible light, ultraviolet light, and aging, and 8 more. Traditional medicine has also made extensive use of herbs that contain chalcone. All throughout the globe, people are turning to herbal remedies in ever increasing numbers. Clinical trials for the treatment of cancer, viral and cardiovascular illnesses, and as ingredients in cosmetic preparations have been authorized as a consequence of pharmacological investigations using various pure chalcones isolated from various plants 72, 73. In the foods we eat on a regular basis, polyphenols are among the most common types of chemicals. Because of their

intriguing biological activity, chalcones have garnered a lot of research in the last decade. The chalcones are a class of naturally occurring chemicals that have a long history of use in traditional herbal medicine. They are abundant in many different foods, including fruits (citruses, apples), vegetables (tomatoes, shallots, bean sprouts, potatoes), and herbs (licorice, for

example). The production of 4,2',4',6'-tetrahydroxychalcone, or naringenin chalcone, by chalcone synthase accounts for the vast bulk of chalcone content in citrus fruits and other plants. An important component of the flavonoid biosynthesis pathway, naringenin chalcone accounts for a significant portion of the total flavonoids found in plants.



**FIG.3:PHARMACOLOGICALACTIVITIESOFCHALCONE**

**Pharmacological Activities of Chalcones:** The biological effects of chalcones were found to be dependent on the presence, the number and position of functional groups such as methoxy, glycosides, hydroxyl, halogens in both A and B rings<sup>75</sup>. They present a broad spectrum of biological activities such as antifungal<sup>76</sup>, antifilarial, larvicidal, anticonvulsant<sup>66</sup>, anticancer<sup>77,78</sup>, anti-inflammatory<sup>79</sup>, neuroprotective<sup>79</sup>, antimalarial<sup>80</sup>, antibacterial<sup>81</sup>, antilipidemic<sup>82</sup>, antihyperglycemic<sup>82</sup>, antiviral<sup>83</sup>, antimycobacterial<sup>84</sup>, antiprotozoal (antileishmanial and antitrypanosoma)<sup>85</sup>, antiangiogenic<sup>86</sup>, antiplatelet<sup>87</sup>, anti-HIV<sup>88</sup> and Two chalconoids from the desert plant *Pulicaria incisa* prevented cell death by inhibiting reactive oxygen species (ROS)<sup>89</sup>. The chalcones showed selective, reversible and potent MAO-B inhibition compared to MAO-A. Recent studies also showed that heteroaryl-based chalcones are potent MAO-A inhibitors<sup>90</sup>.

**CONCLUSION:** Natural goods made from plants, in particular, often include chalcones as a

scaffold. Additionally, chalcone derivatives are generated in large quantities since they are simple to synthesize. Because of their many intriguing biological activities and therapeutic potential against a wide range of disorders, chalcone derivatives, both natural and synthetic, are considered a privileged structure of enormous practical importance. Chalcones have piqued the curiosity of researchers in a wide range of fields<sup>91</sup>.

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