

Activity of *Andrographis paniculata* against COVID 19 through deactivation of methyltransferase-stimulatory factor complex of NSP16 and NSP10 (6W61)

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Abstract: An in-silico study was performed to determine the activity of *Andrographis paniculata* against COVID 19. Molecular docking using Biovia Discovery Studio was performed to identify the phytochemical responsible to deactivate methyltransferase-stimulatory factor complex of NSP16 and NSP10 (6W61) enzyme. It was found that Salicylic acid and Glutathione helped to prevent COVID 19.

Introduction: *Andrographis paniculata* is known for its medicinal activities. *A. paniculata* has been used in Siddha and Ayurvedic medicine. It is promoted as a dietary supplement for cancer prevention and cure. In the traditional medicine of India, *A. paniculata* has also been used for jaundice therapy.

The plant is classified as follows:

Kingdom	Plantae
Division	Tracheophytes
Class	Angiosperms
Order	Lamiales
Family	Acanthaceae
Genus	<i>Andrographis</i>
Species	<i>paniculata</i>

Major phytochemicals present in the plant are:

- Cryptoxanthin
- Quercetin
- Salicylic acid
- Glutathione

One of the major enzymes required for the survival of the organism causing COVID 19 is methyltransferase-stimulatory factor complex of NSP16 and NSP10 (6W61) enzyme. The objective of this work is to find the phytochemical that can deactivate the enzyme, thereby preventing the physiological activity of the organism.