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Abstract: Cancer is one of the most dreaded illnesses of the 20th century, cancer is continuing to spread and is becoming more common in the 21st century. As of right now, breast cancer seems to be the most common cancer worldwide and the leading cause of cancer-related fatalities. In present study we used different network pharmacology tools for identification of target that involved in breast cancer that network pharmacology tool used target identification and validation process in drug discovery. In present study we used UniprotKB as text mining tool for identification of breast cancer gene in that we got the 2,658 gene in that we take the 165 in study the we done the GO and KEGG enrichment analysis in that we take pathways related to the breast cancer further we used STRING for determination protein-protein interaction in that we got the interaction between NDUFA1 with NDUFA3 and EREG,MYO1B with ACTN4 and XRCC3 with XRCC2. The interaction network was drawn and the network was analyzed by Cytoscape.

Keywords: breast cancer; target identification; protein-protein interaction; network pharmacology; drug discovery; KEEG; enrichment analysis; text mining; Cytoscape

Introduction of Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is still a complicated and common health issue that affects millions of people globally. The most common cancer in women globally is breast cancer, which is treatable in about 70–80% of cases when detected early and without metastases. With the existing therapeutic options, advanced breast cancer with distant organ metastases that is distribution of cancer cells from one place to another place with regarded as incurable [1]. The prevalence of breast cancer has been steadily rising in both industrialized and developing nations over the past few decades, with a notable tendency toward even younger ages. Currently, the most common treatments for breast cancer are surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, and targeted therapy. Chemotherapy is one of them that is frequently used to control the population of tumor cells following surgery or in cases when surgery is not possible. Chemotherapy, however, can frequently result in a variety of negative side effects, including alopecia, nausea, exhaustion, early ovarian failure, weight gain, and heart dysfunction, among others, which lowers patients' quality of life (QOL). Drug resistance is typically brought on by prolonged exposure to chemotherapy drugs, which can both lower the therapeutic benefit and cause patient death. To improve the clinical treatment of breast cancer, it is therefore imperative to create new anti-breast cancer medications [2]. The cost of healthcare is heavily impacted by breast cancer. 35–50% of the entire expense of treating breast cancer is devoted to surgery, with the majority of that amount coming from the hospital stay. Hospital stays have dropped from 10–14 days to 5–7 days during the 1990s, and day care admissions have also declined [3]. Worldwide, breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer-related deaths among women. Globally, rates vary by around five times, yet in areas where the disease was not previously prevalent, rates are rising. Estrogens are associated with numerous identified risk factors. In postmenopausal women, risk factors include obesity, late menopause, and early menarche. Prospective studies have also demonstrated a correlation between increased risk and high levels of

endogenous oestradiol. Having children lowers risk; more babies and an early first birth provide better protection; nursing also likely offers some protection. The little increase in breast cancer risk associated with oral contraceptives and hormone therapy for menopause tends to decrease with cessation of usage. While physical activity is probably beneficial, alcohol increases risk. Although they only account for a small percentage of cases, certain gene mutations significantly raise the risk of breast cancer [4]. Gene function is abnormally caused by genetic and epigenetic changes that contribute to breast cancer. The development of novel approaches for breast cancer diagnosis and therapy has been greatly influenced by the recent advances in the field of epigenomics, which have also had a significant impact on our understanding of the mechanisms behind breast cancer. Three mutually interacting processes have been identified as being involved in epigenetic regulation: nucleosomal remodeling, histone changes, and DNA methylation. These mechanisms alter the structure of chromatin to produce heterochromatin or euchromatin, which either stimulates or inhibits the expression of a gene. Changes in the expression of important genes due to abnormal epigenetic control in breast cells have the potential to cause, promote, and sustain carcinogenesis. They may also contribute to the development of treatment resistance. We now go over the roles that the epigenetic machinery is known to play in the onset and recurrence of breast cancer. We also emphasize the importance of epigenetic modifications as novel targets for anticancer therapy and as prognostic biomarkers [5].

Types and Management of Breast Cancer

As most cancers are called after the portion of the body in which they first appeared, breast cancer describes the irregular growth and division of cells that start in the breast tissue. The glandular tissues and the stromal (supporting) tissues are the two primary tissue types that make up the breast. The lobules, or milk-producing glands, and the ducts, or milk tubes, are housed in the glandular tissues, whereas the stromal tissues are the fatty and fibrous connective tissues of the breast. Additionally, lymphatic and immune system tissue that eliminates waste products and cellular fluids makes up the breast. There are various tumor kinds that can appear in the breast in different places. The majority of tumors are caused by benign, or non-cancerous, alterations in the breast. For instance, women with fibrocystic change, a non-cancerous disorder, may experience lumpiness, fibrosis (a formation of connective tissue that resembles scars), cysts (accumulated packets of fluid), and areas of thickening, tenderness, or breast pain. The cells lining the ducts are where most breast malignancies start (ductal tumors). A tiny percentage originate in other tissues, but some (lobular cancers) start in the cells lining the lobules [6].

Types of Cancer According to Site

1)Non-Invasive Breast Cancer: Breast cancer cells that stay within the ducts and don't spread to the surrounding fatty and connective tissues. Ninety percent of non-invasive breast cancer cases are ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). Less frequently occurring lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS) is thought to be a sign of an elevated risk of breast cancer.

2)Invasive Breast Cancer: Breast cancer cells that spread to the surrounding fatty and connective tissues of the breast after breaching the duct and lobular wall. It is possible for cancer to be invasive without also spreading to other organs or lymph nodes.

Breast cancer that occurs frequently:

1)Lobular neoplasia, also known as lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS): Cancer that is "in situ" means that it hasn't progressed outside of the original site of development. A substantial rise in the number of cells within the breast's milk glands, or lobules, is known as LCIS.

2)In situ ductal carcinoma (DCIS): The most prevalent kind of non-invasive breast cancer, known as DCIS, is limited to the breast ducts. For example ductal comedocarcinoma.

3)Invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC): Another name for ILC is infiltrating lobular carcinoma. ILC starts in the breast's milk glands, or lobules, but it frequently spreads (metastasized) to other parts of the body. 10% to 15% of cases of breast cancer are caused by ILC.

4) Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC): Another name for infiltrating ductal carcinoma (IDC). IDC starts in the breast's milk ducts, enters the duct, and spreads to the fatty tissue there as well as potentially to other parts of the body. Eighty percent of cases of breast cancer are diagnosed with IDC, the most frequent kind of the disease.

Breast Cancer Treatment:

Breast cancer risk can be determined using risk assessment methods, and individuals who are at a higher risk may be eligible for medication that lowers their risk. The menopausal state affects the pharmaceutical selection. Treatment for breast cancer varies according to stage. Ductal carcinoma in situ, or stage 0, is a benign condition that, in up to 40% of cases, develops into invasive malignancy. Mastectomy or radiation therapy along with a lumpectomy is the treatment for in situ ductal cancer. Patients who have estrogen receptor-positive ductal carcinoma in situ may also benefit from endocrine therapy. There are three therapy phases for nonmetastatic early invasive stages (I, IIa, IIb) and locally progressed stages (IIIa, IIIb, IIIc). When cancers express ERBB2 (estrogen), progesterone, or estrogen receptors, systemic endocrine or immunotherapies are used during the preoperative phase. The only treatment available when tumors lack any of the three receptors is preoperative chemotherapy. In terms of surgical procedures, there are two that have comparable survival rates: a mastectomy or a lumpectomy with radiotherapy if the tumor can be fully removed with acceptable cosmetic outcomes. In cases when nodal illness is suspected, a sentinel lymph node biopsy is also carried out. Chemotherapy, immunotherapy, endocrine therapy, and radiation are all part of the postoperative phase. Postoperative bisphosphonates ought to be made available to postmenopausal women as well. Breast cancer in stage IV (metastatic) can be managed but not cured. Increasing lifespan and quality of life are among the objectives of treatment [7].

Drug Discovery-Target Identification

The discovery of a biological target (such as a receptor, enzyme, protein, gene, etc.) that is engaged in a biological process assumed to be malfunctioning in disease-bearing people is typically the first step toward the development of a new medication. Studies conducted in every therapeutic field show that it takes at least 12 years, and frequently considerably longer, to develop a new medication from target identification to marketing approval [8]. Before a new medication can be found on the pharmacy shelf, it will often take ten to fifteen years and more than US\$2 billion. Natural products have historically been the primary source of novel drug entities for drug discovery; however, high-throughput synthesis and combinatorial chemistry-based development have since taken precedence [9]. The first important steps in the drug discovery process are target identification and validation. Thus, this first step in the drug development process is inevitably of interest to researchers [10]. In biomedical research, target identification is essential because it creates the framework for the creation of novel treatments and medications. For the purposes of drug development, precision medicine, reducing medication attrition, raising therapeutic efficacy, and ultimately revolutionizing patient care, target identification is crucial [11].

Network Pharmacology

Network Pharmacology used to identify disease targets. "Network pharmacology" was initially introduced by Hopkins et al. in 2007. Using system biology, this approach examines how medications can intervene and identify possible disease targets for treatment [12]. Network pharmacology (NP) is an emerging discipline useful in drug discovery, which combines genomic technologies and system biology through computational biological tools. Network pharmacology is an approach capable of describing complex relationships among biological systems, drugs and diseases. It also clarifies the possible mechanisms of complex bio-actives through large data set analysis and determines the synergistic effects in cancer treatment [13]. As the information age progresses, different network technologies are being developed on a constant basis. Network pharmacology is gaining momentum as an integration of pharmacology and information network, based on system biology,

bioinformatics, and high-throughput histology. The approach integrates network biology and polypharmacology, drawing from the limited effectiveness of highly selective single-target medications. We can quickly find medications and disease targets from a vast quantity of data by using network pharmacology, and we can also comprehend the mechanisms and connections that exist between them. It's a useful approach [14]. The "one gene, one drug, one disease" paradigm has characterized drug discovery for decades, with a primary focus on creating ligands that are highly selective in order to avoid undesirable side effects [15]. The biomolecular network's "network target" refers to the important molecules, pathways, or modules that play a role in mechanism-based relationships between medications and illnesses. These associations quantitatively show the drugs' overall regulatory processes [16]. The development of network pharmacology has created new opportunities for comprehending the complex bioactive elements present in a wide range of therapeutic plants. Network pharmacology presents a range of active substances, associated methods, resources, and databases, as well as applications for drug discovery and development [17]. It is well-known that, in order to deal with issues like the ineffectiveness and developing resistance of single-targeted molecules, drug discovery frequently necessitates a systems-level polypharmacology method. Approaches to network pharmacology are being developed and used more often to discover novel therapeutic prospects and to repurpose current medications. The field of natural products did not benefit from these recent advancements very quickly. Here, we make the case that a network pharmacology approach would make it possible to map the target space of natural products effectively, which would offer a methodical way to increase the druggable space of proteins linked to a variety of complex disorders [18]. Network pharmacology has become a viable strategy to expedite drug discovery and clarify the modes of action of various target constituents. The basic idea of network pharmacology is ideally suited for the analysis of drugs with multiple targets [19]. In order to identify the active chemical, a new science called network pharmacology combines network analysis, multiple drug target prediction, and oral bioavailability prediction [20].

Tools In Network Pharmacology:

- 1)UniprotKB
- 2)GeneCodis
- 3)STRING
- 4)Cytoscape

1)UniprotKB:

Target finding has significantly increased in the "omics" age thanks to data mining of readily available biomedical data and information. The pipeline for finding biomarkers and drugs to treat and detect diseases in humans starts with target discovery. The term "target" in biomedical research refers to a wide range of concepts, including biological events, molecular functions, pathways, and phenotypes, as well as molecular entities including genes, proteins, and miRNAs. In biomedical science, data mining is a bioinformatics methodology used mostly for target discovery, selection, and prioritization. It blends biological concepts with computer tools or statistical methods [21]. In present study we used Uniprote for text mining for identification of genes related to breast cancer.

2)GeneCodis:

GeneCodis is a web-based tool that ranks annotations by statistical significance and searches for co-occurring annotations in a set of genes. The application incorporates information from multiple sources. Concurrent annotation analysis offers valuable insights for the biologic interpretation of large-scale trials and may yield better results than conventional methods for functional analysis of gene lists [22]. An analysis of the frequency of individual annotations and the application of statistical tests to identify the annotations that are significantly enriched in an input list relative to a reference list—typically the entire genome or every gene in a microarray—were the primary approaches in this

field that first appeared. In this context, annotations from various sources like KEGG (2) or the Gene Ontology (GO) (1) are frequently utilized [23].

3)STRING:

Direct physical binding is not the only way that proteins can interact with one another. Additionally, proteins can interact indirectly through sharing a substrate in a metabolic pathway, transcriptionally regulating one another, or joining together in bigger multi-protein assemblies [24]. Protein interactions that are functional and regulatory account for a large portion of the complexity found within cells. The fundamentals of these interactions are being more understood, but new interactions are still being found, and the data are still dispersed among many database sources, experimental techniques, and mechanistic detail levels. Protein-protein interactions, covering both functional associations and physical interactions, are methodically collected and analyzed by the STRING database. Multiple sources provide the data: databases of interaction experiments, conserved genomic background, automatic text mining of scientific literature, computational interaction predictions from co-expression, and known complexes/pathways from selected sources [25].

4)Cytoscape:

On the other hand, the Cytoscape program provides more versatility when it comes to network analysis, importing, and visualizing more data, making it far more appropriate for handling big networks. We developed stringApp, a Cytoscape application that facilitates the integration of both resources into a single workflow. It preserves the look and feel of STRING networks while integrating information from related databases [26]. A free software tool for modeling, visualizing, and analyzing genetic and molecular interaction networks is known as Cytoscape. This protocol explains how to examine functional genomics and proteomics experiment findings, such as mRNA expression profiling, using Cytoscape within the context of an interaction network generated for target genes [27].

Material and Method

1)Prediction of Target Genes Associated with Breast Cancer:

Gene Related to Breast cancer were obtained from the UniprotKB database by text mining (<https://www.uniprot.org/>) through searching "Breast Cancer". After filtering with the term "Homo Sapiens" 2658 genes associated with breast cancer were identified. Amongst that 165 gene were selected after

2)GeneCodis and Pathway Analysis:

We used GeneCodis (<https://genecodis.genyo.es/>) database for GO enrichment analysis by KEGG. That provided a systematic and comprehensive annotation information on biological functions, molecular functions, Biological components. The list of 165 gene ewre set to geneCodis and the species was limited to "Homo Sapiens". GO and KEGG pathway analysis were performed.

3)Protein Protein Interaction and Visualization Data:

STRING database (<https://string-db.org/>) contain known and predicted Protein protein interaction. The 10 pathway were selected in with GO and KEGG that paste in string with species was defined as Homo Sapiens. The PPI data was obtained. The interaction network was drawn and the network was analyzed by cytoscape. In that the degree and betweenness centrality was measured.

4)Molecular Docking:

The computer-generated three-dimensional structure of tiny ligands is positioned into a receptor structure using a process called molecular docking in a range of orientations, conformations, and

locations. Medicinal chemistry and drug discovery can benefit from this approach, which offers insights on molecular recognition. Computer-Aided Drug Design and Discovery now includes docking as a crucial component (CADD) [28]. Molecular docking is commonly used in modern drug design for understanding drug-receptor interaction [29]. In present study we used tulsi extract (*Ocimum Sanctum*) and they have different active constituents like eugenol, camphor, etc).

They act as ligand and bind with macromolecules (protein, gene, enzymes) the structure of gene taken from protein database (<https://www.rcsb.org/>) and the molecular interaction shown by Pyrex software and the binding affinity energy kcal/mol between protein and ligand determined.

Results:

1) Prediction of Target Associated with Breast cancer:

UniprotKB is a unique database that is used to select targets associated with gene in that total 2,658 were selected after filtering and deleting duplicates. In final total we selected 165 genes (In Table 1).

Table 1. The 165 breast cancer gene from UniprotKB were identified.

APOL1 APOL	UNC13B UNC13	TSPAN4 NAG2 TM4SF7
RASGRF2 GRF2	AIM2	IKBKB IKKB
HAT1 KAT1	PLD2	EREG
TFEC BHLHE34 TCFEC TFECL	AURKA AIK AIRK1 ARK1 AURA AYK1 BTAK IAK1 STK15 STK6	ZNF646 KIAA0296
SPTBN2 KIAA0302 SCA5	PER2 KIAA0347	KPNA5
MDM4 MDMX	TRIM24 RNF82 TIF1 TIF1A	EPHB6
CASC3 MLN51	NDUFA1	SPTLC1 LCB1
FANCG XRCC9	PPM1D WIP1	GRM6 GPRC1F MGLUR6
SIVA1 SIVA	EIF3D EIF3S7	YY2 ZNF631
BIRC5 API4 IAP4	GRIN2D GluN2D NMDAR2D	GYG2
CLOCK BHLHE8 KIAA0334	PDPK1 PDK1	PER1 KIAA0482 PER RIGUI
KDM6A UTX	ERVK-18	DHX15 DBP1 DDX15
PLXNB1 KIAA0407 PLXN5 SEP	SIPA1L1 E6TP1 KIAA0440	PHGDH PGDH3
ADAM12 MLTN UNQ346/PRO545	CRX CORD2	KLK10 NES1 PRSSL1
ZNHIT1 CGBP1 ZNFN4A1	PRODH PIG6 POX2 PRODH2	EFS CASS3
SRGAP3 ARHGAP14 KIAA0411 KIAA1156 MEGAP SRGAP2	CTIF KIAA0427	MSI1
HOXA3 HOX1E	GRID2 GLURD2	TBX1
SUV39H1 KMT1A SUV39H XRCC3	RAD51C RAD51L2 XRCC2	ATP8B1 ATPIC FIC1 PFIC DENR DRP1 H14
HR	DNPH1 C6orf108 RCL	SNAI2 SLUG SLUGH
CHMP2A BC2 CHMP2	NDUFA2	ACTN4
SPOP	MYO1B	SSNA1 NA14
RRP9 RNU3IP2 U355K	AKAP8 AKAP95	TLL1 TLL
PRICKLE3 LMO6	EXTL3 EXTL1L EXTR1 KIAA0519	KALRN DUET DUO HAPIP TRAD

MED14 ARC150 CRSP2 CXorf4 DRIP150 EXLM1 RGR1 TRAP170	KLK8 NRPN PRSS19 TADG14 UNQ283/PRO322	ST18 KIAA0535 ZNF387
ZEB2 KIAA0569 SIP1 ZFHX1B ZFX1B HRIHFB2411	MCM3AP GANP KIAA0572 MAP80	NUPR1 COM1
GSDME DFNA5 ICERE1	BRINP1 DBC1 DBCCR1 FAM5A IB3089A	ACSL4 ACS4 FAFL4 LACS4
CUBN IFCR	UGT1A9 GNT1 UGT1	PQBP1 NPW38 JM26
PRAF2 JM4	CTSV CATL2 CTSL2 CTSU UNQ268/PRO305	NBN NBS NBS1 P95
ERVK-19	FKTN FCMD	CBFA2T3 MTG16 MTGR2 ZMYND4
FZD7	ASTN2 KIAA0634	CPNE3 CPN3 KIAA0636
RAB11FIP3 ARFO1 KIAA0665	ANKRD17 GTAR KIAA0697	HMMR IHABP RHAMM
PDCD6 ALG2	ZNF217 ZABC1	BCAS1 AIBC1 NABC1
SH3BGRL	FLNB FLN1L FLN3 TABP TAP	TACC1 KIAA1103
POLQ POLH	TECTA	EED
WBP4 FBP21 FNBP21	SCGB2A1 LIPHC MGB2 UGB3	RPS6KA5 MSK1
SPAG6 PF16	SNRNP200 ASCC3L1 BRR2 HELIC2 KIAA0788	RPS6KA4 MSK2
UTP20 DRIM	RAD51D RAD51L3	BCAR3 NSP2 SH2D3B UNQ271/PRO308
SERPINI2 MEPI PI14	IDH1 PICD	ALDH1L1 FTHFD
DYSF FER1L1	BCAS2 DAM1	AKAP3 AKAP110 SOB1
NCR1 LY94	CDKL5 STK9	PBR
SNCG BCSG1 PERSYN PRSN	CCN5 CT58 CTGFL WISP2 UNQ228/PRO261	ND2 MTND2
AQP8	BAIAP3 KIAA0734	UFL1 KIAA0776 MAXER NLBP RCAD
SASH1 KIAA0790 PEPE1	ZNF432 KIAA0798	SLCO2B1 KIAA0880 OATP2B1 OATPB SLC21A9
TRIM37 KIAA0898 MUL POB1	HEXIM1 CLP1 EDG1 HIS1 MAQ1	ZNF202 ZKSCAN10
LAGE-2	NDUFA3	GAS8-AS1 C16orf3
UNC5C UNC5H3	PCDH8	CCNDBP1 DIP1 GCIP HHM
LYPD3 C4.4A UNQ491/PRO1007	TACC2	ZBTB7A FBI1 LRF ZBTB7 ZNF857A
LYPLA2 APT2	MAP3K6 ASK2 MAPKKK6 MEKK6	CCN4 WISP1
BMP10	PSMG1 C21LRP DSCR2 PAC1	CLDN7 CEPTRL2 CPETRL2
ABCA1 ABC1 CERP	ADGRL2 KIAA0786 LEC1 LPHH1 LPHN2	YEATS4 GAS41
NFATC1 NFAT2 NFATC	EYA4	LDOC1 BCUR1
AP2A1 ADTAA CLAPA1	TTC4 My044	NDST3 HSST3 UNQ2544/PRO4998

CLDN1 CLD1 SEMP1 UNQ481/PRO944	EML2 EMAP2 EMAPL2	LATS1 WARTS
SNAI1 SNAH	FADS2	OLFM2 NOE2

2) Gene Ontology KEGG Analysis:

By using UniprotKB 5658 gene identified breast cancer about that we selected 165 and by GeneCodis we got pathways and that we selected 9 pathways related to breast cancer (Table 2).

Table 2. Pathways associated with breast cancer with including protein.

Description	Genes Count	Pval adj	Relative enrichment	Genes
Mitochondrial electron transport, NADH to ubiquinone	Mar-38	7.62E-03	52.64	NDUFA1, NDUFA2, NDUFA3
Vesicle transport along actin filament	Feb-19	2.83E-02	70.19	MYO1B, ACTN4
Retinoic acid receptor signaling pathway	Feb-18	2.83E-02	74.09	TBX1
Somitogenesis	Feb-48	3.73E-02	27.78	PCDH8, XRCC2
Regulation of cardiac muscle hypertrophy in response to stress	01-Jan	3.73E-02	666.78	BMP10
Negative regulation of autophagy of mitochondria	01-Feb	3.73E-02	333.39	PBR
Telomere maintenance via telomere trimming	01-Feb	3.73E-02	333.39	XRCC3
Type IV hypersensitivity	01-Feb	3.73E-02	333.39	EPHB6
Positive regulation of phosphorylation	Feb-35	3.73E-02	38.1	FZD7, EREG



Figure A. KEGG Pathway with potential pathway targets.

3)Breast Cancer PPI Network

By using STRING we got a PPI network in that there is interaction between NDUFA1,NDUFA2 and NDUFA3 one network then interaction between MYO1B second network and ACTN4 then XRCC3 and XRCC2 is third network (Figure B). In that Green lines: Indicate interactions detected by gene neighborhood, meaning the genes encoding the proteins are located near each other in the genome. Red lines: Represent interactions identified through gene fusions, indicating the proteins are part of a fusion protein in another species. Blue lines: Signify interactions from gene co-occurrence, suggesting the proteins are frequently observed together across different species. Black lines: Denote interactions detected through co-expression, meaning the proteins are often produced at the same time in the same tissues or conditions. Purple lines: Represent interactions identified through experimental data. Light blue lines: Indicate interactions derived from curated databases.

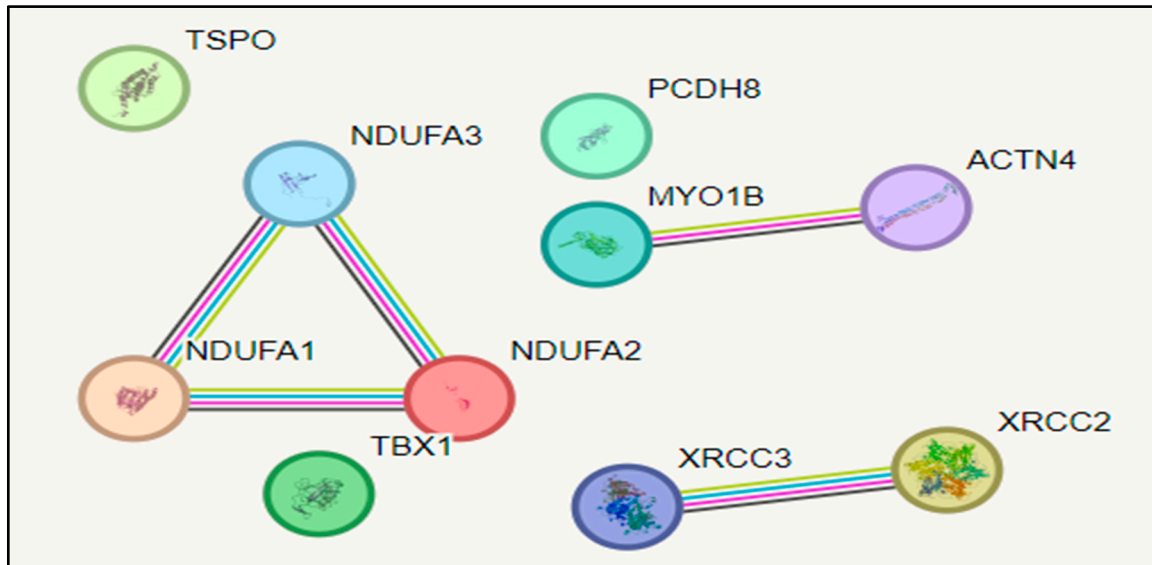


Figure B. Protein-Protein Interaction Network.

PPI Network Analyzed by CytoScape:

In CytoScape we did the analysis of PPI and detected their Degree and Betweenness by using the CentiScape app (In Figure C).

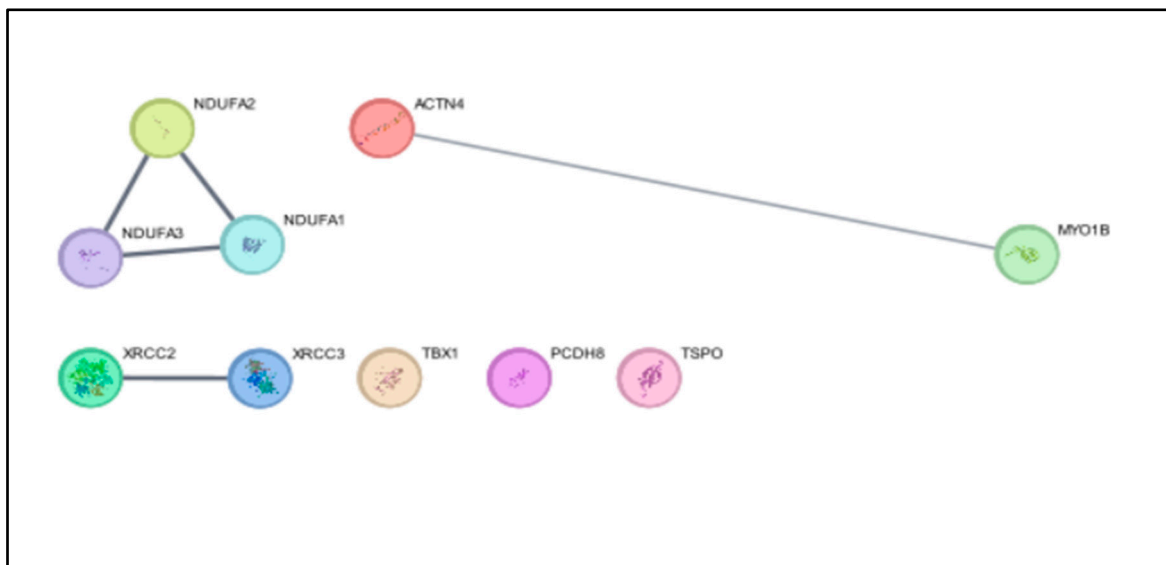


Figure C. PPI in CytoScape Analysis.

Degree and Betweenness Analysis:

A Cytoscape application called CentiScape is intended exclusively for network centrality metric analysis. For the purpose of computing and visualizing different centrality metrics in biological networks, including protein-protein interaction network. "Degree" and "betweenness centrality" are two metrics in Cytoscape that are used to examine node attributes in a network (such a network of protein-protein interactions) that commonly represent genes or proteins. The term "degree" describes how many edges, or connections, a node in a network has. A protein node's degree in a network of protein-protein interactions indicates how many other proteins it directly interacts with. Higher degree proteins are thought to be more linked within the network. The term Betweenness Centrality is The frequency with which a node in a network is on the shortest path between other nodes is

measured by betweenness centrality. Within a network of protein-protein interactions, a protein node possessing a high betweenness centrality serves as an intermediary between distinct segments of the network. It suggests that the protein is important for bridging various modules or pathways within the network (In Figure D).

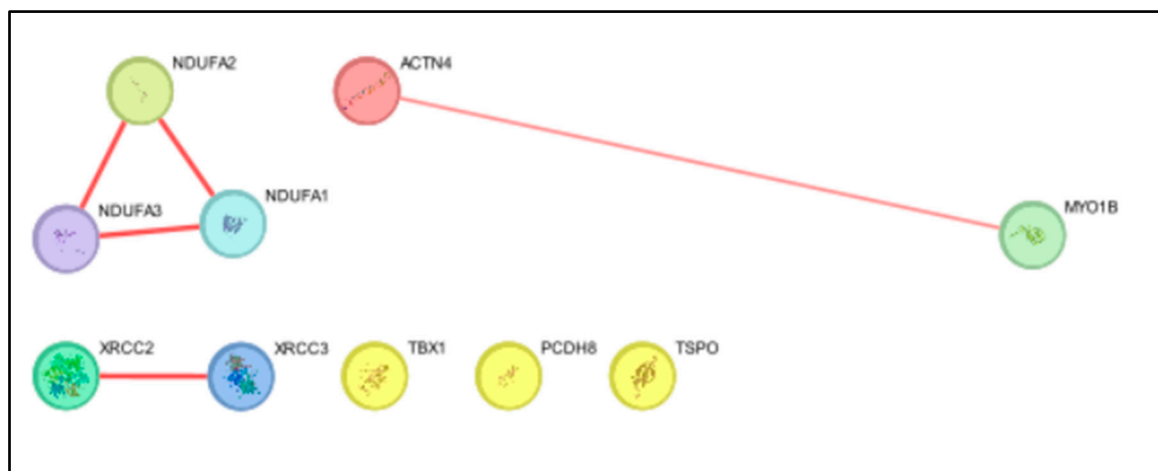


Figure D. Degree and Betweenness centrality in CytoScape.

4)Molecular Docking:

In that we determine the binding affinity of ligand and protein and the criteria of binding affinity generally the the more negative the binding energy has the stronger the binding affinity. The targeted proteins are MYO1B,TBX1,XRCC3 bind with different active constituents. In that DPHP shows the maximum binding affinity with different targets. MYO1 with DPHP is -9.2 kcal/mol,TBX1 with DPHP is -9.2kcal/mol,XRCC2 with DPHP is -10.1.

Table 3. List of Chemical Constituents (Ligand) of Ocimum Sanctum.

BORNEOL	EUGENOL
BOSABOLANE	FARNESENE
CAMPHENE	SALINENE
COPAENE	TERPINEN-4-OL
CARVACROL	URSOLIC ACID
DPHP	
ESTRAGOLE	

Table 3. Binding affinity (kcal/mol) Breast Cancer target protein and Ocimum Sanctum chemical constituents.

Ligand with Protein	BindingAffinity (kcal/mol)	Ligand with Protein	Binding Affinity (kcal/mol)
MYO1_BORNEOL	-5	TBX1_BORNEOL	-5.5
MYO1_BOSABOLANE	-5.3	TBX1_BOSABOLANE	-5.5

MYO1B_CAMPHENE	-5	TBX1_CAMPHENE	-4.9
MYO1B_COPAENE	-6.3	TBX1_COPAENE	-6.2
MYO1B_CORVACROL	-5.6	TBX1_CORVACROL	-5.4
MYO1B_DPHP	-9.2	TBX1_DPHP	-9.2
MYO1B ESTRAGOL	-5.6	TBX1 ESTRAGOL	-4.9
MYO1B_EUGENOL	-5.2	TBX1_EUGENOL	-5.3
MYO1B_FERNESENE	-5.5	TBX1_FERNESENE	-5.6
MYO1B_SALINENE	-6.3	TBX1_SALINENE	-6.4
MYO1B_TERPINE4OL	-5.2	TBX1_TERPINE4OL	-5.7
MYO1B_ UROSOLIC ACID	-7.5	TBX1_ UROSOLIC ACID	-8.2
XRCC3_BORNEOL	-5.5	XRCC2_DPHP	-10.1
XRCC3_BOSABOLANE	-6.5	XRCC3 ESTRAGOL	-5.5
XRCC3_CAMPHENE	-5.3	XRCC3_EUGENOL	-5.5
XRCC3_COPAENE	-6.4	XRCC3_FERNESENE	-6
XRCC3_CORVACROL	-5.9	XRCC3_SALINENE	-6.7
XRCC3_TERPINE4OL	-5.9	XRCC3_ UROSOLIC ACID	-8.7

Conclusion

In this paper we identified breast cancer target and determine protein protein interaction and their affinities with different chemical compounds of ocimum sanctum. The protein protein interaction of different protein from 165 we are selected but not repeated genes we take. About 10 proteins we taken about that (NDUFA1,NDUFA2,NDUFA3,ACTN4,MYO1B,XRCC2,XRCC3) 7 protein shows PPI. At last we check binding affinity with chemical compound with different gene and mostly three gene bind with different compounds. The compound DPHP shows the maximum binding affinity -9.2kcal/mol with MYO1B,-9.2kcal/mol with TBX1 and -10.1kcal/mol with XRCC3.

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