

## Review

# Mechanistic Insights and Therapeutic Potential of Natural Products in Amelioration of Wound Healing

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**Abstract:** Wound healing is a process through which skin maintains itself. Once a wound occurs, the inflammatory and proliferative stages are instigated in reaction to injury. It is established that wound restorative comprises four stages including haemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling. The amelioration of wound healing is very challenging as tumors can develop at the site of chronic injury. There are numerous plants, plant extracts and plant based natural products were widely used by tribal communities from ancient times for the treatment of cuts, burns, scars, burns and wounds. The therapeutic potential of these plants is recognized due to the presence of phytochemicals such as phenolic compounds, flavonoids, triterpenoids, saponins, tannins, alkaloids and glycosides. The plant used for the treatments of wound healing includes *Achillea millefolium*, *Andrographis paniculata*, *Boswellia sacra*, *Calendula officinalis*, *Crocus sativus*, *Curcuma longa*, *Ehretia laevis*, *Ehretia microphylla*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, *Malva sylvestris*, *Rosmarinus officinalis* and *Salvia officinalis*. This assemblage comprises the structures of phytochemicals isolated from the different extracts of these plants, mechanistic insights and important key findings responsible for wound healing. The mechanistic insights involved in wound healing are similar to cytotoxic, anti-inflammatory and antioxidant agents such as ROS generation, DNA fragmentation and western blotting. This review article is an effort to bridge the gaps in the prevailing literature and thus offers gigantic scope for researchers and academicians betrothed in validation of the customary claims and development of safer and efficient and worldwide recognized natural potential candidates as drugs for healing of wounds, burns and cuts.

**Keywords:** natural products; wound healing; phytochemicals; cytotoxic; curcumin

## 1. Introduction

Wound healing progression is a systematic structure of overlying or overlapping, interacting processes generally categorized into four different phases such as i) Coagulation involves vasoconstriction and platelet aggregations, ii) Inflammation comprises killing of microorganisms and elimination of debris, iii) Migration/proliferation/re-epithelialization/granulation includes fibroblast proliferation, collagen synthesis, angiogenesis and development of granulating tissue and iv) Maturation/remodeling comprises of fibroblast apoptosis and collagen remodeling [1,2].

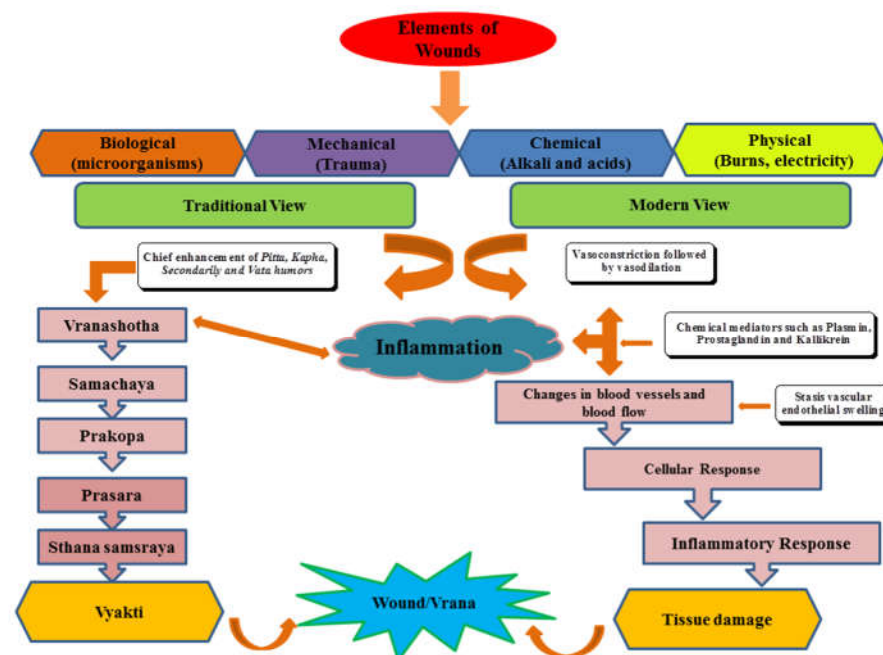
It was assumed that when a wound is tenacious due to physical, chemical or biological damage it may lead to growth and repair genes activation in surrounding tissues and thus causing cancer [3-7]. It has been hypothesized that oncogenes and proto-oncogenes were expressed not only in cancer but also in wound healing revealed that

these genes are involved in normal, growth and repair processes [8-12]. In 1863 postulated by Virchow that prior injuries and a chronic irritation are a prerequisite for tumorigenesis [13, 14]. Similarly, Dvorak proposed that tumors or cancers are wounds that do not heal such as gastric ulcer may be responsible for gastric cancer [15, 16]. In one of the studies it was reported that tumor or cancer had been induced by Rous sarcoma virus only growing at the site of the virus injection [17]. Similarly, inflammation of lungs by smoking may lead to lung cancer [18], inflammation of colon, pancreas [19] and liver may also be responsible for the cancer of these tissues [20].

The repairing of tissues at the site of wound in desired time to elicit cessation of wound healing is one of the keystones in cancer therapy. The cancer mitigation consists of three steps including elimination of causes responsible for firm wounds, repairing of cells at the site of wound or cancer and distribution of substrates and a mass of growth and repair factors required for healing of wound at the site of tumor [21]. When an ulcer or wound is healed or cured, cancer cells will finally finish through apoptosis or differentiation. Strategies to abolish tumor cells without healing main wounds will permit for subsequent reappearance of cancer [22, 23].

Natural products play an important role in the mitigation of an ample range of diseases such as cancer, microbial infections, wound healing, inflammation, ulcer, antioxidant, HIV, respiratory and liver disorders [24-27]. The therapeutic effect of herbal remedies against such diseases is due to the presence of phytochemicals including alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, tannins, phenolic molecules and triterpenoids [28-30]. Numerous tribal communities have been using herbal products from ancient times for the cure of cuts, ulcers, burns, wounds, skin diseases and venereal diseases. To validate the traditional use of natural plants and their products, numerous researchers were working continuously to establish the role of plants and their phytochemicals in the amelioration of wounds because of their less side effects, economical, ease of availability are the chief benefits of the natural products [31].

In Ayurveda more than one thousand plants were documented for the management of more than 1200 diseases [32]. Moreover these plants were widely used by tribal communities for the cure of numerous illnesses. Ayurveda wound has been described as "Varna" which means wound or ulcer [33]. Maharshi Sushruta explained in meticulous manner about the healing of wounds. Vranashotha is similar to the inflammation which is the primary step in the pathogenesis of wounds. Several types of wounds which were originated due to the defects in human functions such as Pitta (hormone and enzymes), Kapha (fluids of body) and Vata (nerve impulses), to trauma, like Bhinna (perforated wound), Picchita (contusion), Chinna (cut wound), Kshata (lacerated wound), Ghrasta (abrasion wound) and Viddha (puncture wound). These elements have resemblance with the modern system of medicine that includes Vasoconstriction followed by changes in blood flow, cellular and inflammatory response. In the last phase there is tissue damage which causes wound or vrana [33]. Wound in modern and Ayurvedic system of medicine has been presented in (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Representation of wounds in the modern and Ayurvedic system of medicine.

Plants exhibiting antioxidant [34], anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties are accelerating in fighting infection; wound healing and cancer treatment [35, 36]. The plants rich in phenolic compounds, flavonoids were reported for their significant anti-proliferative and wound healing properties [37-39]. The action of such phytomolecules because of their free radical scavenging property, antioxidant and astringent actions [40].

Recently, numerous groups working on natural products and established the wound healing potential of medicinal plants reported in the review literature. This review article highlights the natural plants, their phytomolecules along with their mechanistic insights, structures of the active molecules and important key findings in the treatment of wound healing in relationship with cancer treatment. Thus this review will be of great interest for natural chemist and medicinal researchers working on biological activities of phytomolecules in wound healing.

## 2. Material and Methods

Literature documented on wound healing, natural plants and phytomolecules in the treatment of wound healing have been searched using electronic databases like Pubmed, Clarivate analytics, Scopus, Science Direct, Springer and exhaustive library search. The structure of the phytomolecules were prepared using chemdraw ultra 8.0 version. To present a unique and innovative contribution to the scientific field we have considered only peer-reviewed research papers with significant results as evidence and authentic references were considered. In this assemblage, plants, phytomolecules, and effects on wound healing and cancer have been explored. Pubchem and ChemSpider databases have been used to check the IUPAC names of the isolated phytoconstituents.

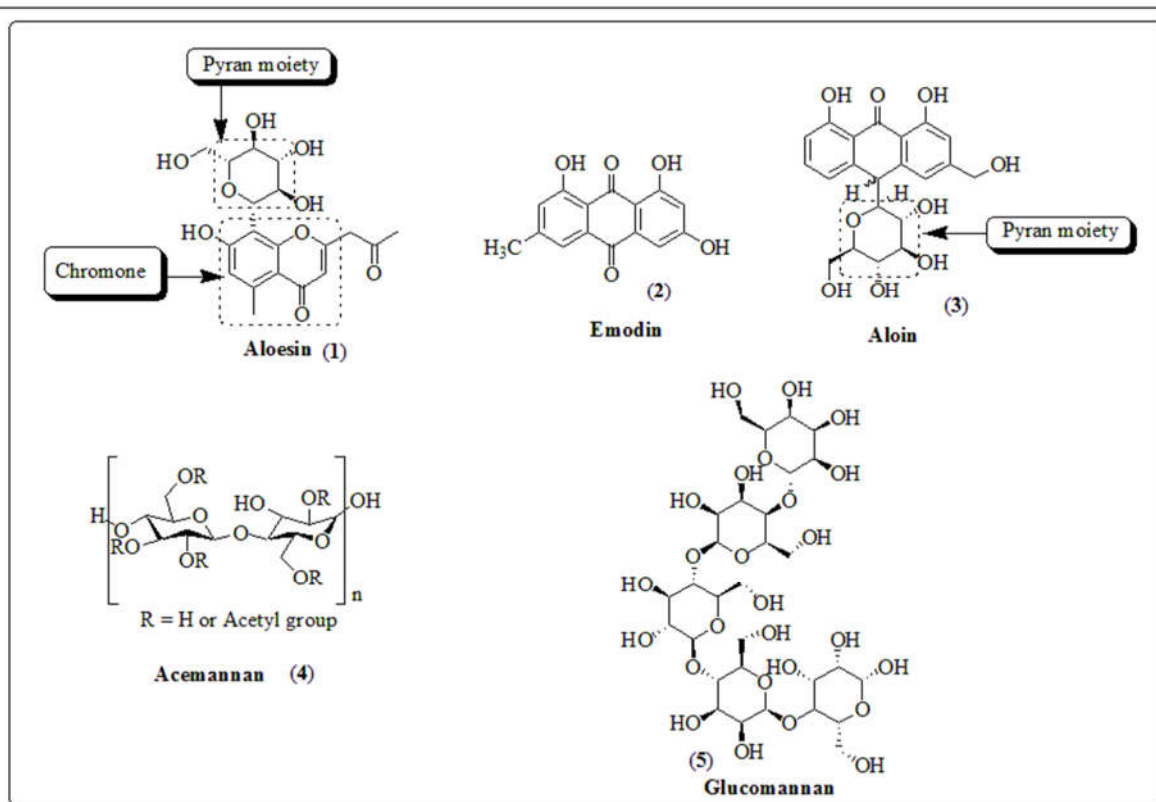
## 3. Medicinal Plants and Their Phytomolecules

Numerous herbal plants have been widely used in folklore medicines for the treatment of wounds, cuts, scars, warts, burns and skin infections. Plant-derived extracts and their isolated phytomolecules backing the tissue regeneration documented by various mechanisms, and thus help together to recover the entire healing process [41, 42]. Presently, the effectiveness of several herbs is well recognized with their mechanisms [43]. Consequently, natural products and their pure phytomolecules are developing sources of different remedial compounds for the mitigation of various diseases, amongst which is

healing of wounds [44, 45]. The herbs and their phytomolecules presented here were selected since they are widely used in the amelioration of wound healing.

### 3.1. *Aloe vera*

*Aloe vera* leaves have been widely used from ancient times for the treatment of wound healing, burns, cuts and scars. *Aloe vera* gel is also used nowadays in numerous cosmetic preparations to prevent the wrinkles and healing of wounds [46, 47]. It contains vitamins like vitamin A, E and C. The leaves of plant comprise flavonoids and polysaccharides such as aloesin (1), emodin (2), aloin (3), acemannan (4) and glucomannans (5) respectively [48, 49]. Several researchers reported that the aloesin has the tendency to modulate the inflammatory response by stimulating the keratinocyte and fibroblast proliferation and hence promoting cell migration. Other studies also established that the aloesin at the same dose of 50 mg/kg exhibit its wound healing and cytotoxic and mutagenic potential in peripheral blood [50-54]. To clarify the mechanistic studies of *A. vera* that it exhibits wound healing potential by stimulating fibroblast proliferation, collagen deposition, and impeding overproduction, angiogenesis and also accumulation of proteins of matrix. Similarly, in an another approach acemannan shows its effects in wound healing via cell proliferation, stimulation of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and causes cell cycle arrest from G1 to S phases and augmenting proliferation markers like cyclin D1 in concentration dependent manner [55-58]. The structures of compounds (1-5) were presented in (Figure 2) along with important key findings.



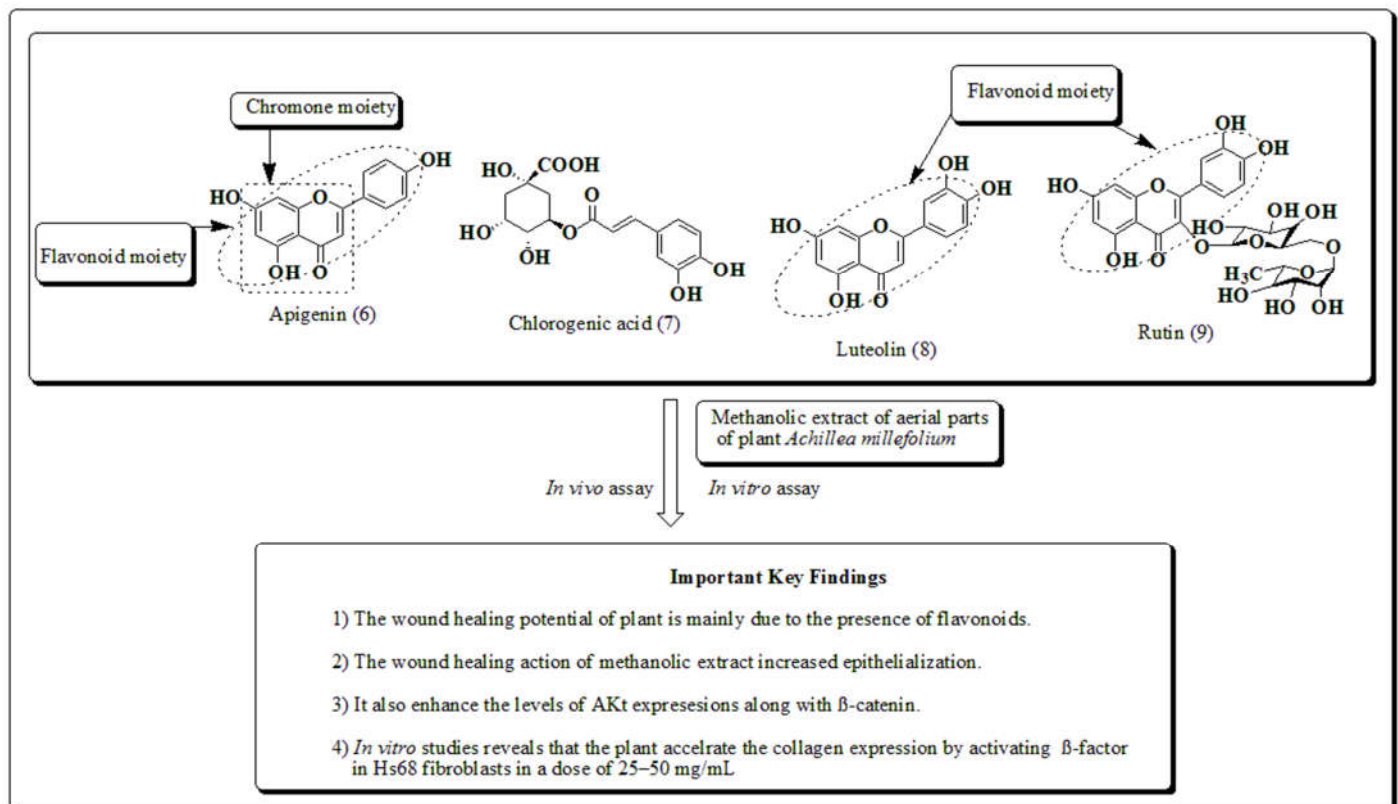
#### Important Key Findings

- 1) Aloesin modulate the inflammatory response by enhancing the keratinocyte and fibroblast proliferation.
- 2) The study also established that the compound exhibited mutagenic, wound healing and cytotoxic effect at the same dose of 50 mg/kg.
- 3) Acemannan has the tendency to shift cell cycle from G1 to S phase.
- 4) Compound (4) exhibit wound healing potential through cell proliferation.
- 5) Acemannan enhancing proliferation marker such as cyclin D1 in concentration dependent manner.

**Figure 2.** Structure of compounds (1-5) along with their important key findings.

### 3.2. *Achillea millefolium*

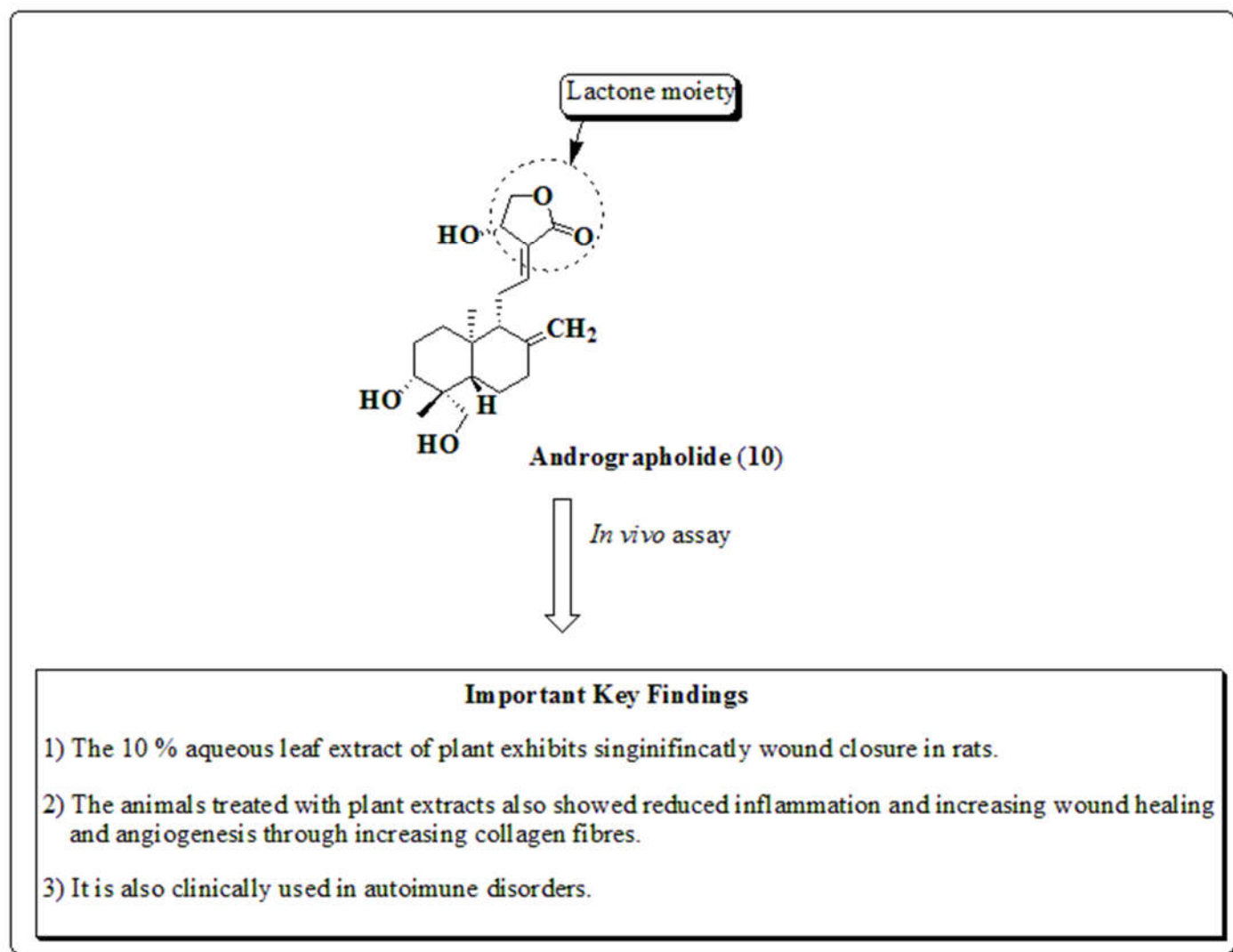
*Achillea millefolium* commonly known as yarrow plant belongs to Asteraceae family and is traditionally used in the mitigation of cuts, abrasions, wounds and ulcers [59-62]. It has been established that the plant contains volatile oils. Plant also contains phytochemicals such as apigenin (6), chlorogenic acid (7), luteolin (8) and rutin (9) [63, 64]. Numerous *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies established the wound healing potential of plant through diverse mechanisms. The plant was also documented for its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties attributed mainly due to the presence of flavonoids [65, 67]. Dorjsembe *et al.* reported the wound healing property of methanolic extract of aerial parts of the plant via increasing epithelialization. The mechanism of action of the plant is associated with increased levels of Akt expressions and  $\beta$ -catenin [68]. Structure of the compound (6-9) are depicted in (Figure 3).



**Figure 3.** Structure of compounds (6-9) along with their important key findings.

### 3.3. *Andrographis paniculata*

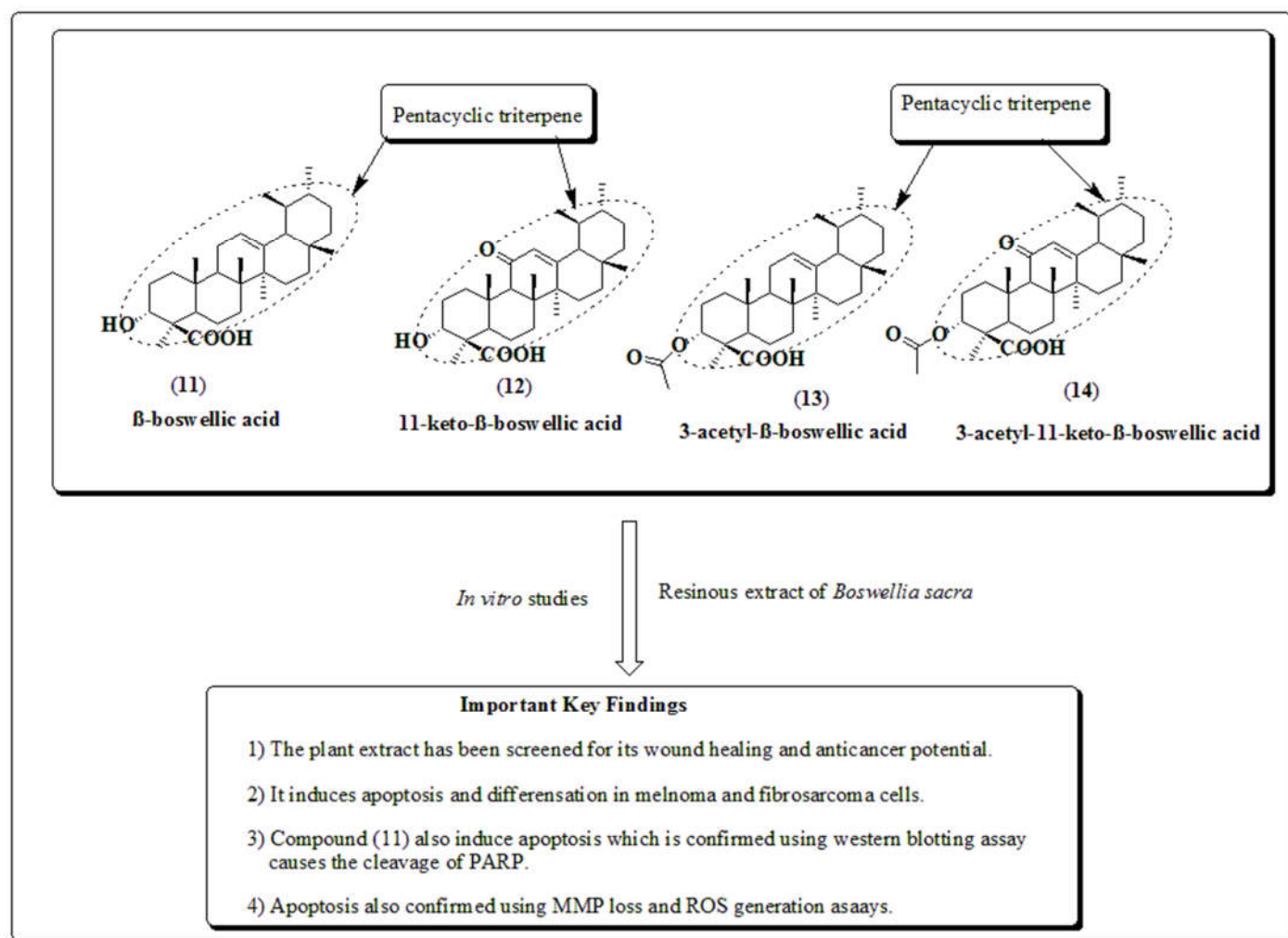
*Andrographis paniculata* is well recognized as “king of bitter” widely accepted in India, China and Asian countries for the relief of fever, wound healing, itching, allergy and also used by tribal communities for the cure of snake bite [69-72]. Numerous researchers reported antioxidant, wound healing, anticancer, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory potential of the plant [73]. Al-Bayaty *et al.* reported the wound healing effect *Andrographis paniculata* in rats and significantly improved after application of 10% aqueous leaf extract of the plant [74]. The mechanism of action of *Andrographis paniculata* in animals exhibited reduced inflammation, increased angiogenesis, reduced scarring and also enhancing number of collagen fibres in treated wounds of animals [74]. The action of the plant is attributed mainly due to the presence of andrographolide. Andrographolide is a  $\gamma$ -lactone, diterpenoid and carbobicyclic compound that has been clinically screened and to exhibit effects in autoimmune disorders [74, 75]. Structure of andrographolide (10) depicted in (Figure 4).



**Figure 4.** Structure of andrographolide along with important key findings.

### 3.4. *Boswellia sacra*

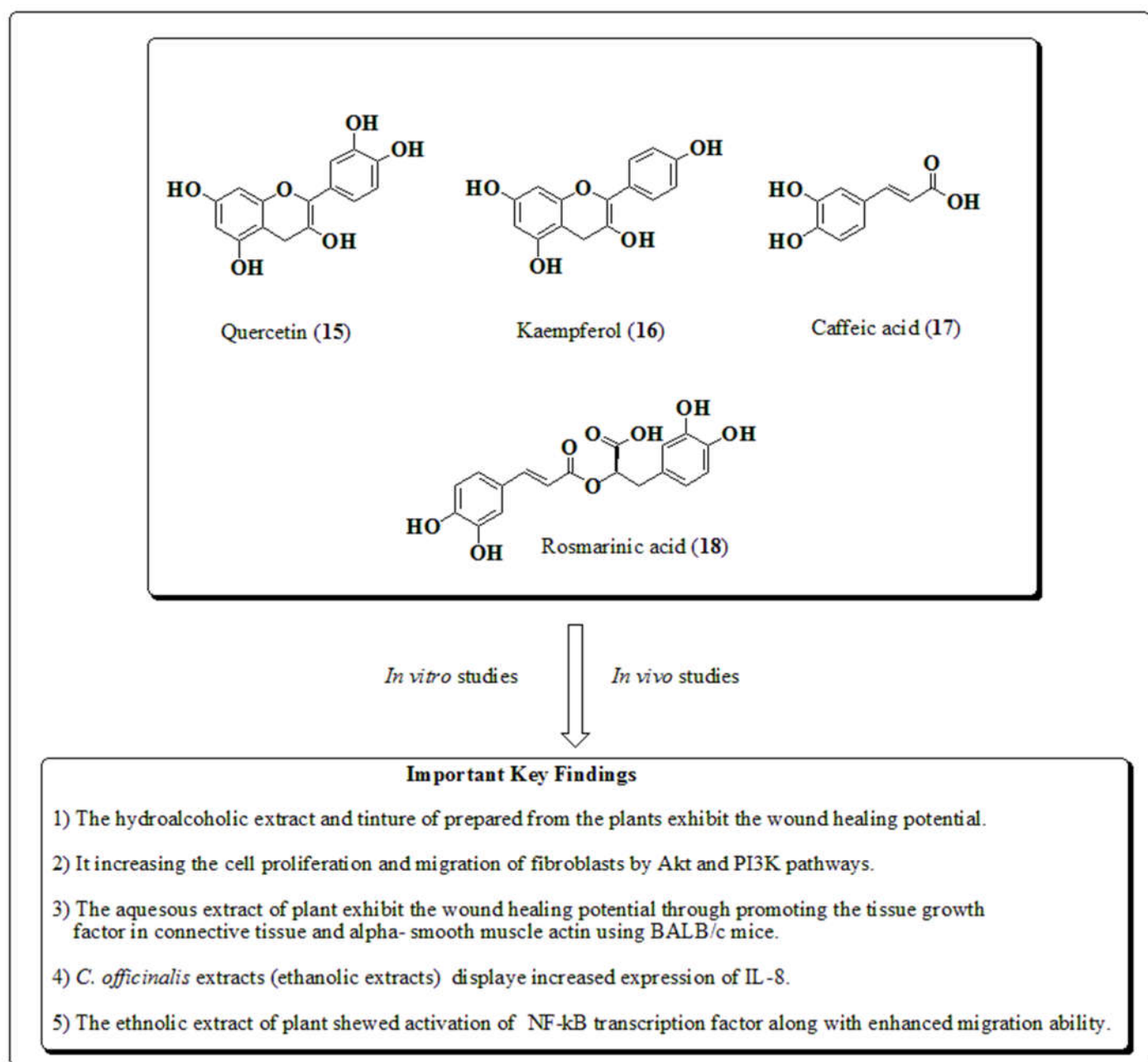
*Boswellia sacra* is a resinous plant widely available in India, Middle East and Africa for the mitigation of anti-inflammatory and wound healing [76, 77]. It has been established that the boswellic acid extracted from the plant induces differentiation and apoptosis of fibrosarcoma and melanoma and cells. The dry extract of the plant has been screened for wound healing and anticancer potential [78, 79]. All the boswellic acids have been reported for their anticancer potential by various researchers using *in vitro* studies to induce apoptosis which is documented by assays such as DAPI staining, ROS generation and western blotting exhibited the expression levels and cleavage of PARP in cancer cells. To elucidate the mechanistic action of the plant via direct action on neovascularization along with accelerating the collagen extracellular matrix, amplifying the growth of granulation tissue, re-epithelialization and thus subsidizing to reduce scarring and improved skin tissue repairs. Structure of main compounds (11-14) have been presented in (Figure 5).



**Figure 5.** Structure of compounds (11-14) along with their important key findings.

### 3.5. *Calendula officinalis*

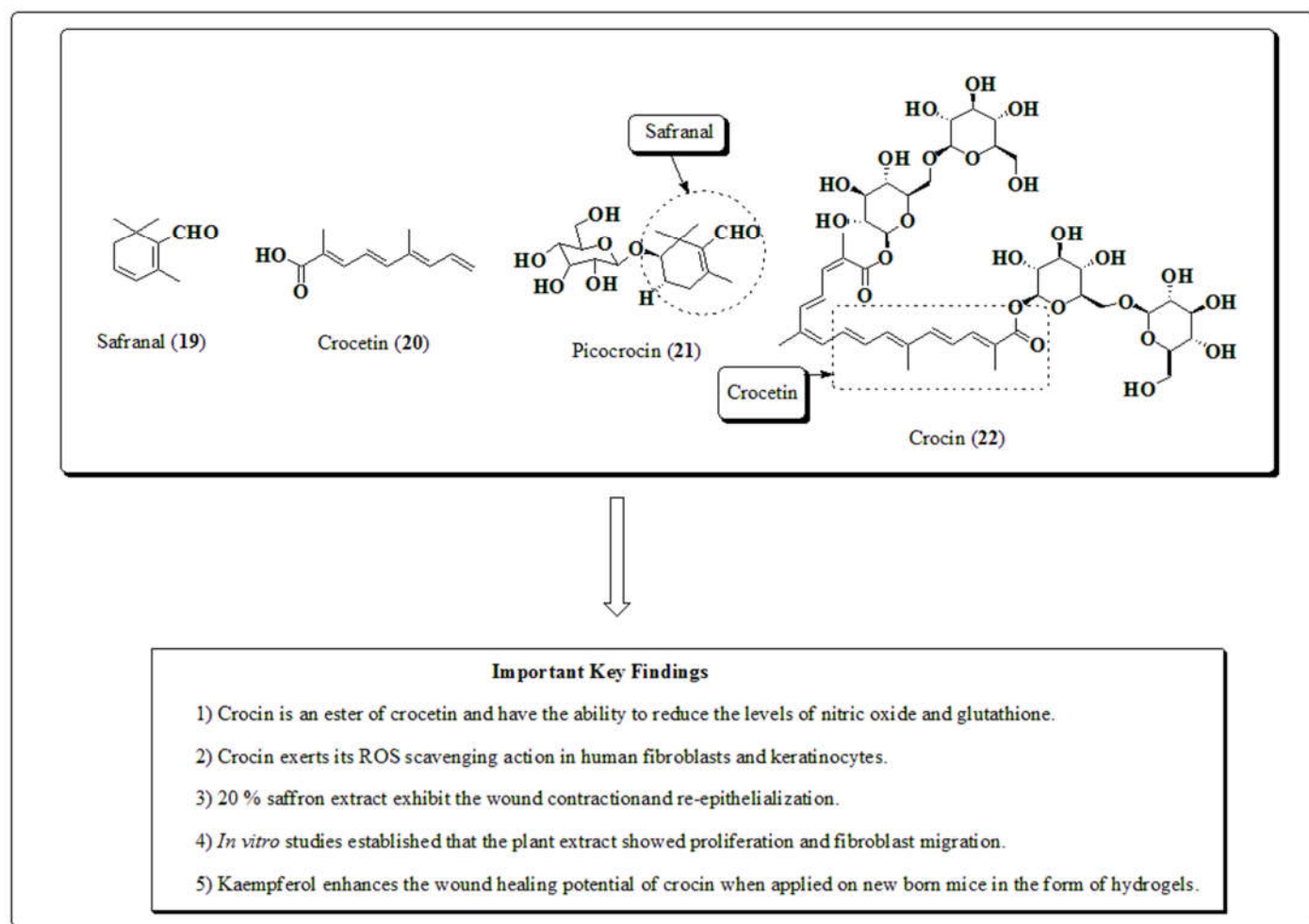
*Calendula officinalis* is widely used from the 13th century in Europe for the mitigation of wound healing, cosmetic and in personal care products [80, 81]. It is a most common garden plant of India, Europe, China and the United States of America. It is also used in the form of tincture, cream, liquid extracts in various skin and hair care products [82-85]. *C. officinalis* have been documented for its ample range of pharmacological actions which is attributed due to the presence of flavonoids like quercetin and rutin along with carotenoids, quinones, coumarins and calendic acid [85, 86]. Several in vitro studies were performed to establish the mechanism for wound healing potential of the plant. It was found that hydroalcoholic extract of plants has the ability to escalate the proliferation and migration of fibroblasts via activation of Akt and PIK3 dependent pathways [87, 88]. The structures of compounds (15- 18) were depicted in (Figure 6) along with their important key findings. The *in vivo* study reported by Dinda *et al.* reveals that the aqueous extract of plant augmented the contraction of wounds in BALB/c mice via promoting the tissue growth factor in  $\alpha$ - smooth muscle actin and connective tissue [89].



**Figure 6.** Structure of compounds (15-18) along with their their important key findings.

### 3.6. *Crocus sativus*

*Crocus sativus* (Saffron) belongs to the family Iridaceae, it is widely used in spices in Asian countries like India and China [90]. Plant has been widely accepted by tribal communities and documented in Ayurveda, Unani and Chinese systems of medicine [91, 92]. Saffron exhibited ample range of pharmacological action which is mainly attributed because of the presence of bioactive molecules, carotenoids like crocin, corcetin, safranal and picrocrocin along with phenolic compounds, flavonoids and terpenoids [93]. Several researchers established a broad spectrum of activities including antioxidants [94-97], anticancer, wound healing and anti-inflammatory [98, 99]. Crocin (19) inhibited squalene peroxidation and thus preventing the release of inflammatory mediators, curbing the expression of glycosylation-related and NF-kB-related genes. The 20% saffron extract exhibited the wound healing effect in animals. Structures of compounds (19-22) obtained from *C. sativus* were presented in (Figure 7) along with important key findings.



**Figure 7.** Structures of compounds (19-22) along with important key findings.

### 3.7. *Curcuma longa*

Curcumin (Haldi) consists of dried rhizomes of *Curcuma longa* belonging to the Zingiberaceae family [29]. It is commonly known as turmeric and widely used as spices in our daily life. It mainly contains polyphenolic compounds known as curcuminoids [30]. It is documented in folklore medicine and Ayurveda as a potential anti-inflammatory agent in the mitigation of various inflammatory conditions [100-102]. The plant is also recognized for its ample range of pharmacological activities like wound healing [103], antioxidant [104], anticancer [29, 30], anti-aging [105], anti-HIV [26, 27] and free radical scavenging activities [106]. Radical-scavenging ability of curcumin (23) has been documented on wound healing. *In vitro* studies indicate that curcumin augments collagen deposition, granulation tissue formation, fibroblast migration and re-epithelialization. Compound (23) also improves contraction of wound through the remodeling stage by amplifying the production of TGF- $\beta$  and thus causes fibroblast proliferation. *In vitro* studies established that curcumin recovers wound healing contraction by fibroblast proliferation and migration along with inhibiting the production of TNF- $\alpha$  and activity of NF- $\kappa$ B in inflammatory stages [107, 108]. Nowadays, researchers have more concern on the bioavailability of curcumin because of its poor solubility and rapid metabolism [109]. In order to increase the solubility of curcumin various derivative have been prepared. Moreover, curcumin has been reported for its anticancer and wound healing potential in forms of nanoparticles, hydrogels, nanofibers and numerous novel combinations in the cure of chronic wounds [30, 110]. Structure of curcumin and its structure activity relationship depicted in (Figure 8 and 9) along with wound healing potential of curcuminoids (24-25) present in turmeric presented in (Figure 10).

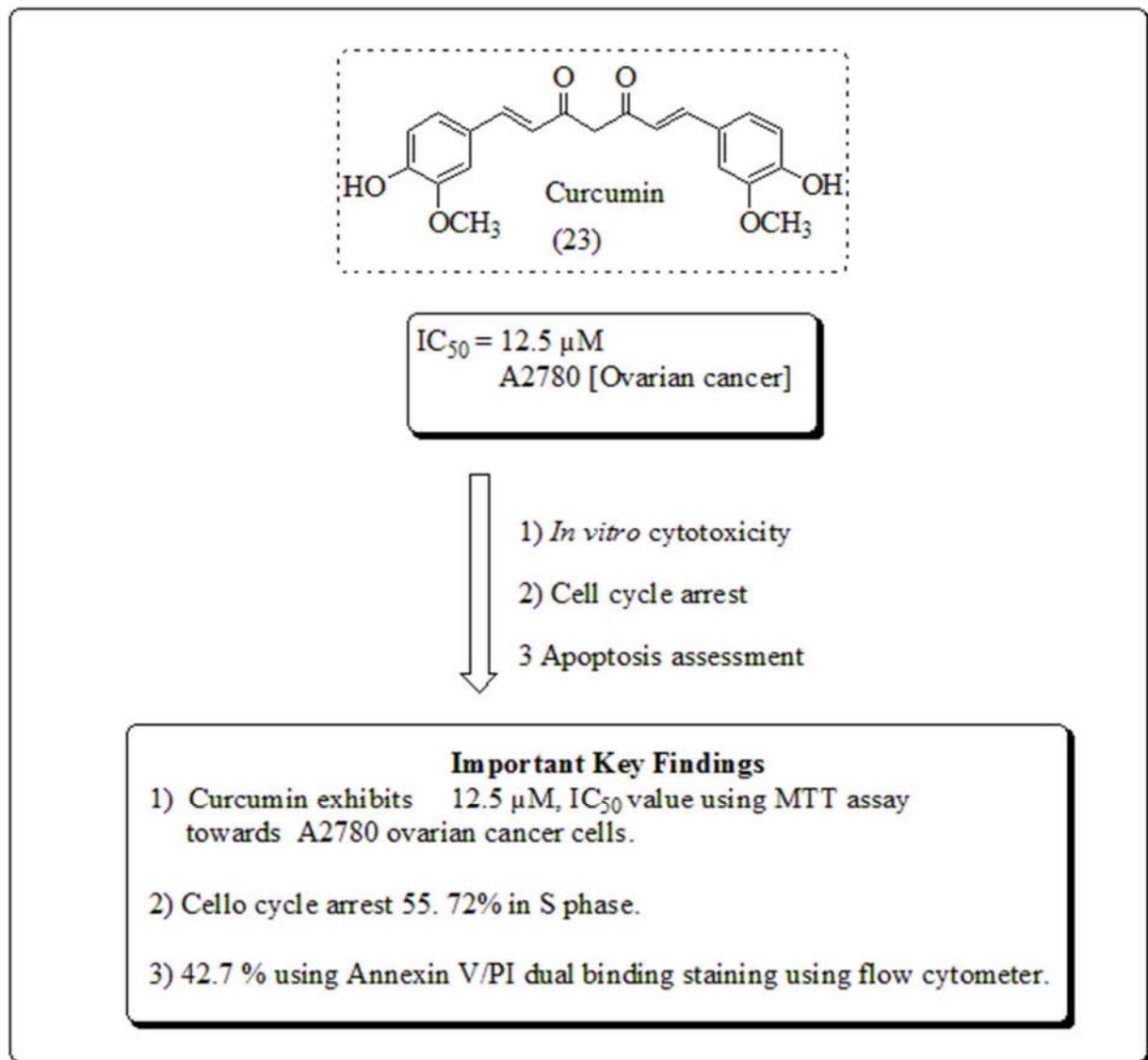


Figure 8. Structure of curcumin and important key findings.

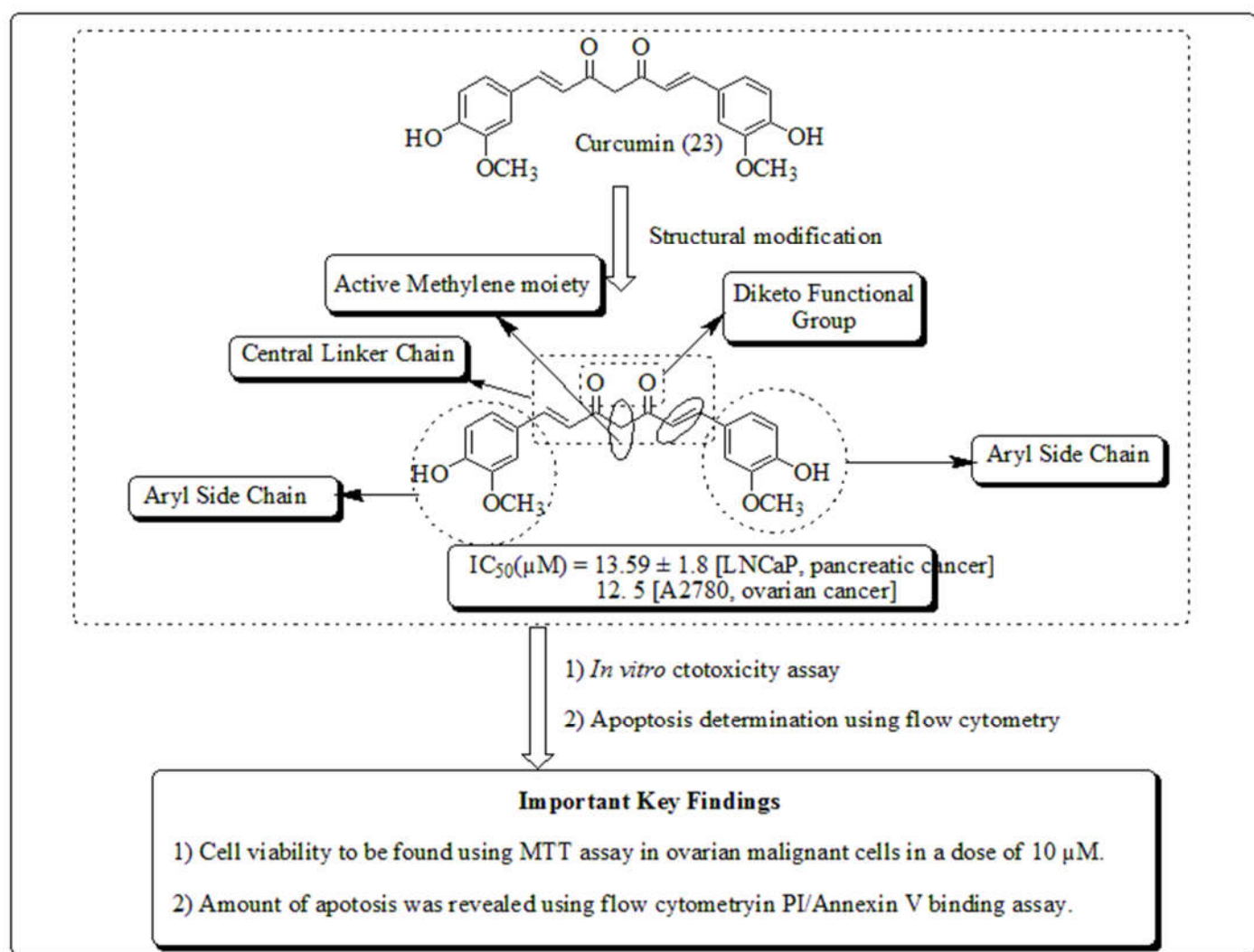
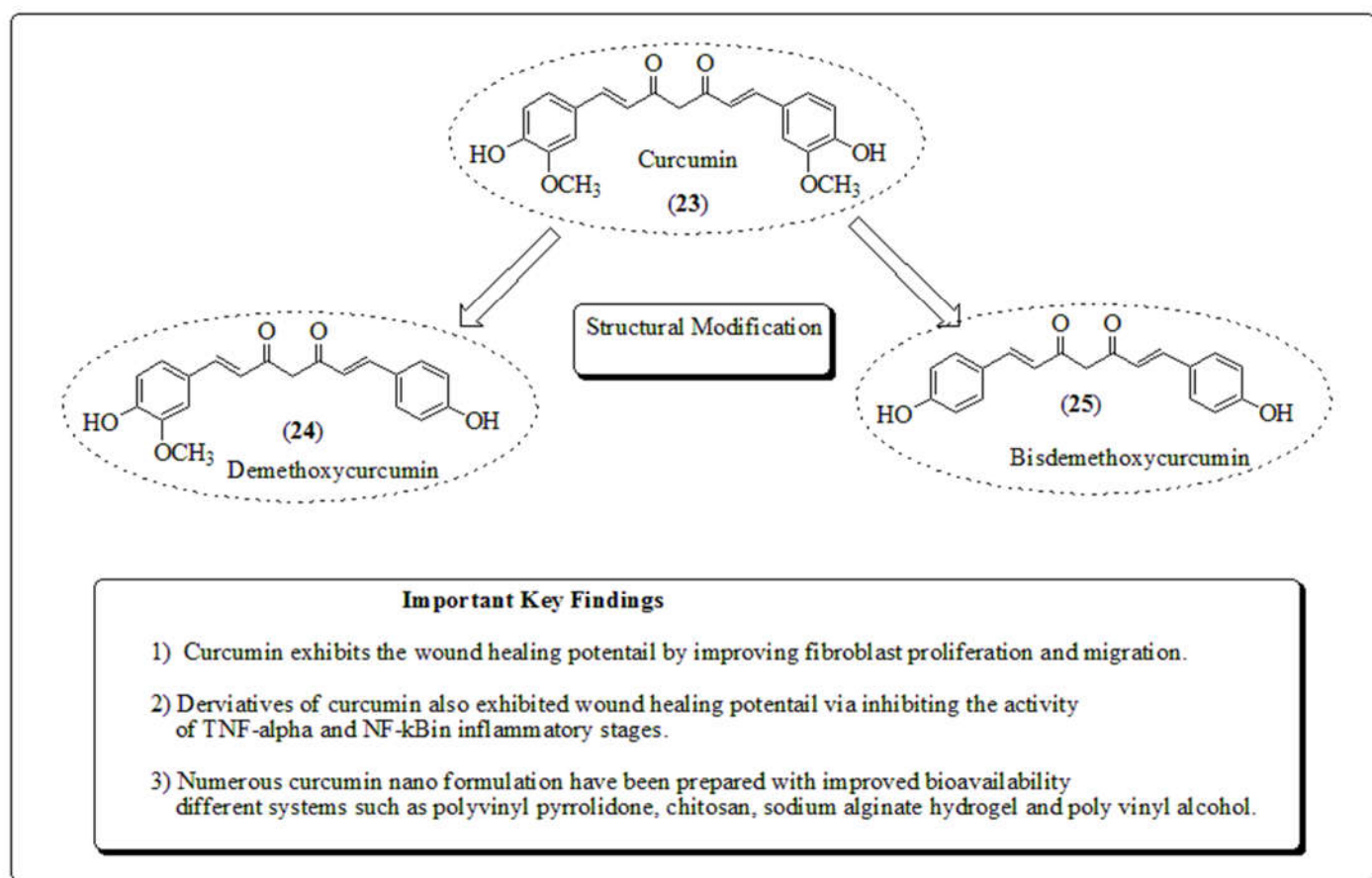


Figure 9. Structure of curcumin and its structure activity relationships.



**Figure 10.** Structure of curcuminoids of turmeric.

### 3.8. *Ehretia laevis*

*Ehretia laevis* Roxb. belongs to family Boraginaceae, has been broadly used as folk remedy for the mitigation of different varieties of ailments of gastrointestinal tract, infectious disorders, respiratory and reproductive system. Literature surveys reveal that *E. laevis* has been widely used by several tribal communities of Asian countries for the cure of many disorders. Several qualitative and quantitative phytochemical investigations on *E. laevis* revealed the presence of phytochemicals such as phenolic acids, pentacyclic triterpenoids, flavonoids, steroids depicted in (Figure 11 (a)) and (Figure 11 (b)) along with vitamins and minerals, carbohydrates and amino acids. Fresh plant parts, crude extracts, and isolated phytochemicals have been documented to exhibit wide spectrum of therapeutic potential such as antidiarrheal, antiarthritic, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antidiarrhetic, antidiabetic, antiulcer and wound activities [31].

A tribal community of Wardha district of Maharashtra employed *E. laevis* for the relief of wound healing [111]. Similarly, folklore physicians of the Garasia community of Rajasthan also commended paste prepared from leaves of plant for the early healing of wounds and cuts [112]. Topical application of paste prepared from the leaves of plant exhibited wound healing potential reported by Thakre *et al.* Investigators applied paste in thirty-four patients and patients were scrutinized on the basis of parameters such as age group, sex, chronic, fresh, infected and non-infected. A definite amount of paste has been smeared for an interval of one week. To elucidate the mechanism of action of *E. laevis* amplifies the proliferation and quickens the wound healing potential by reducing the superoxide anion and nitric oxide production. The results found that wounds were healed fully from a minimum of one week to nine weeks and three days in all the subjects excluding one [113].

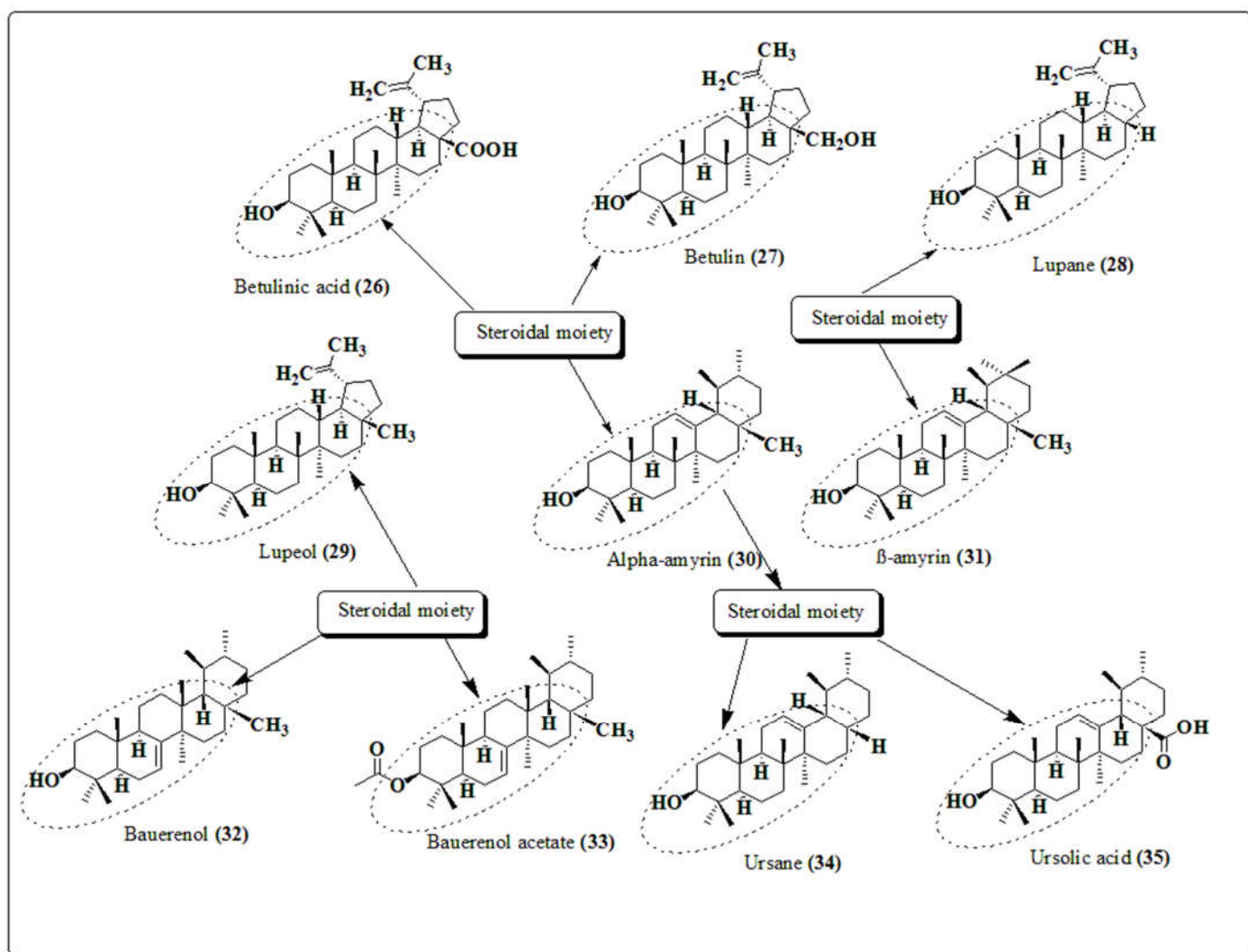
Recently, a case report has been published for the topical application of *E. laevis* in the management of anal fissure (Parikartika) [114, 115]. It was invented that after all the

obligatory procedures, the efficacy of *E. laevis* had been assessed on the basis of parameters like itching, bleeding, pain and healing. Patients were found to be healthy with no signs of bleeding, itching, and pain after three weeks of topical application on fissure of rectum [116]. A wide antimicrobial spectrum of leaves and barks can be a rationale for its wound healing activity.

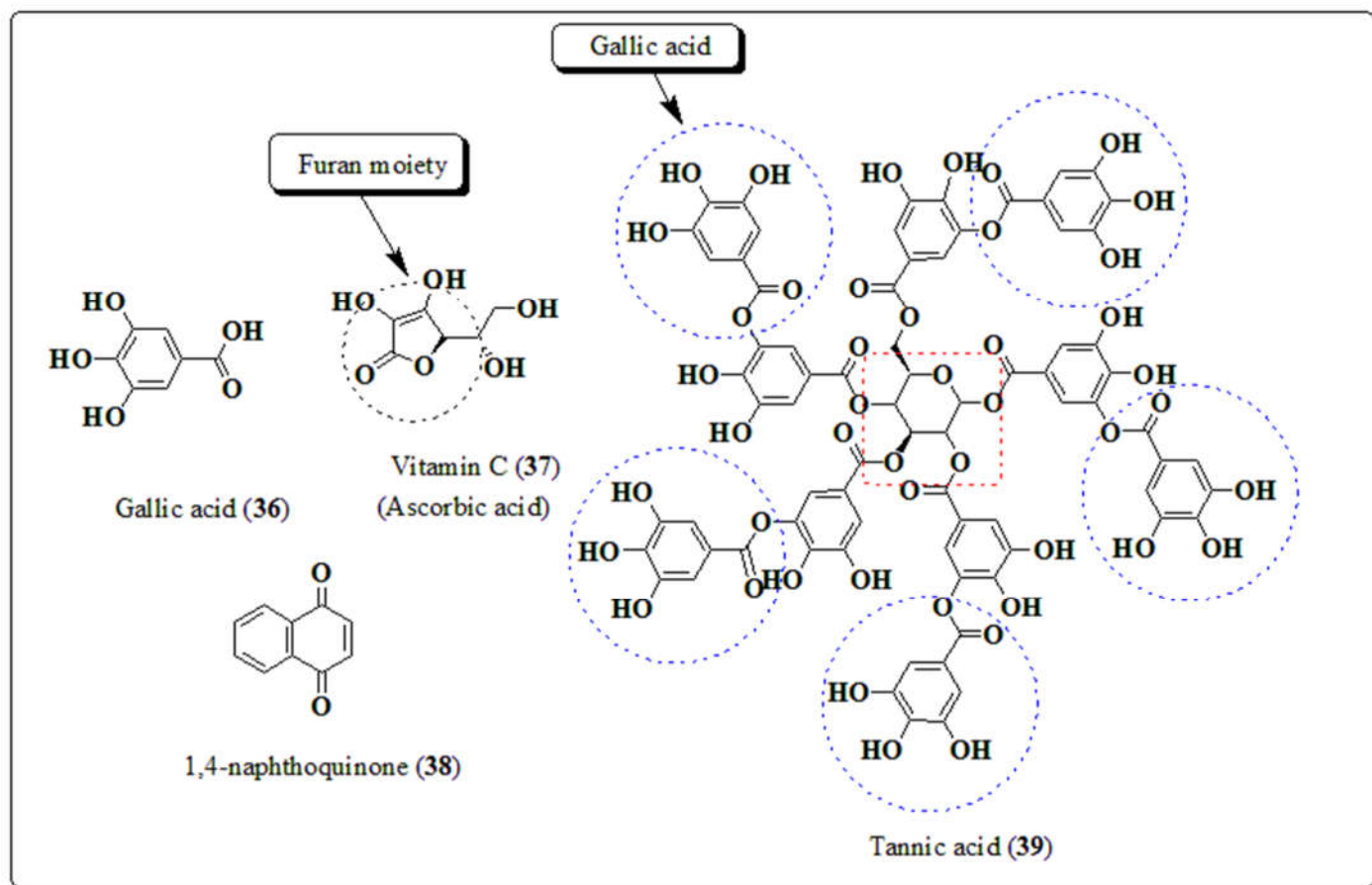
### 3.9. *Ehretia microphylla*

*Ehretia microphylla* Lamk (Boraginaceae) also recognized as Scorpion bush [117]. It is commonly known as Wild Tea and Tsaang Gubat by several tribal communities of Asia [118]. *E. microphylla* has been reported in Siddha system of medicine of Materia Medica [119]. It is extensively found in the subtropical areas of south-eastern and southern Asia, Hainan, Guangdong and Taiwan regions of South China. [120].

Numerous reports accepted on *E. microphylla* established as a potential plant for the cure of eczema, scabies and pruritus [121]. Plant has also been used in the mitigation of inflammation, asthma, jaundice, skin diseases, cancer and wound healing numerous tribes of Australia, Africa and Asia [122]. Sharma et al. reported the anticancer potential of the plant against a panel of human cancer cell lines and found that the chloroform extract of the plant exhibits significant effect against MCF-7 breast cancer cell lines. The activity of the plant was attributed due to the presence of phytochemicals such as triterpenoids, saponins, flavonoids and phenolic compounds which were revealed in phytochemical screening of the plant. Structures of promising compounds of *Ehretia microphylla* were depicted in Figure 11(a) and Figure 11 (b). The available literature also reveals that phenolic compounds and triterpenoids are the most bioactive compounds which are responsible for wound healing and anticancer potential of conventionally used phytochemicals such as  $\alpha$ -amyrins and  $\beta$ -amyrins ursolic acid belong to the class of triterpenoid however, gallic acid are phenolic compounds exhibited their wound healing and anticancer potential against numerous human cancer cells [123]. It was established that the topical application of *E. microphylla* extract augmented wound healing with substantial differences in the re-epithelialization in treated animals. The plant augments re-epithelialization, collagen deposition, granulation tissue formation and fibroblast migration [122].



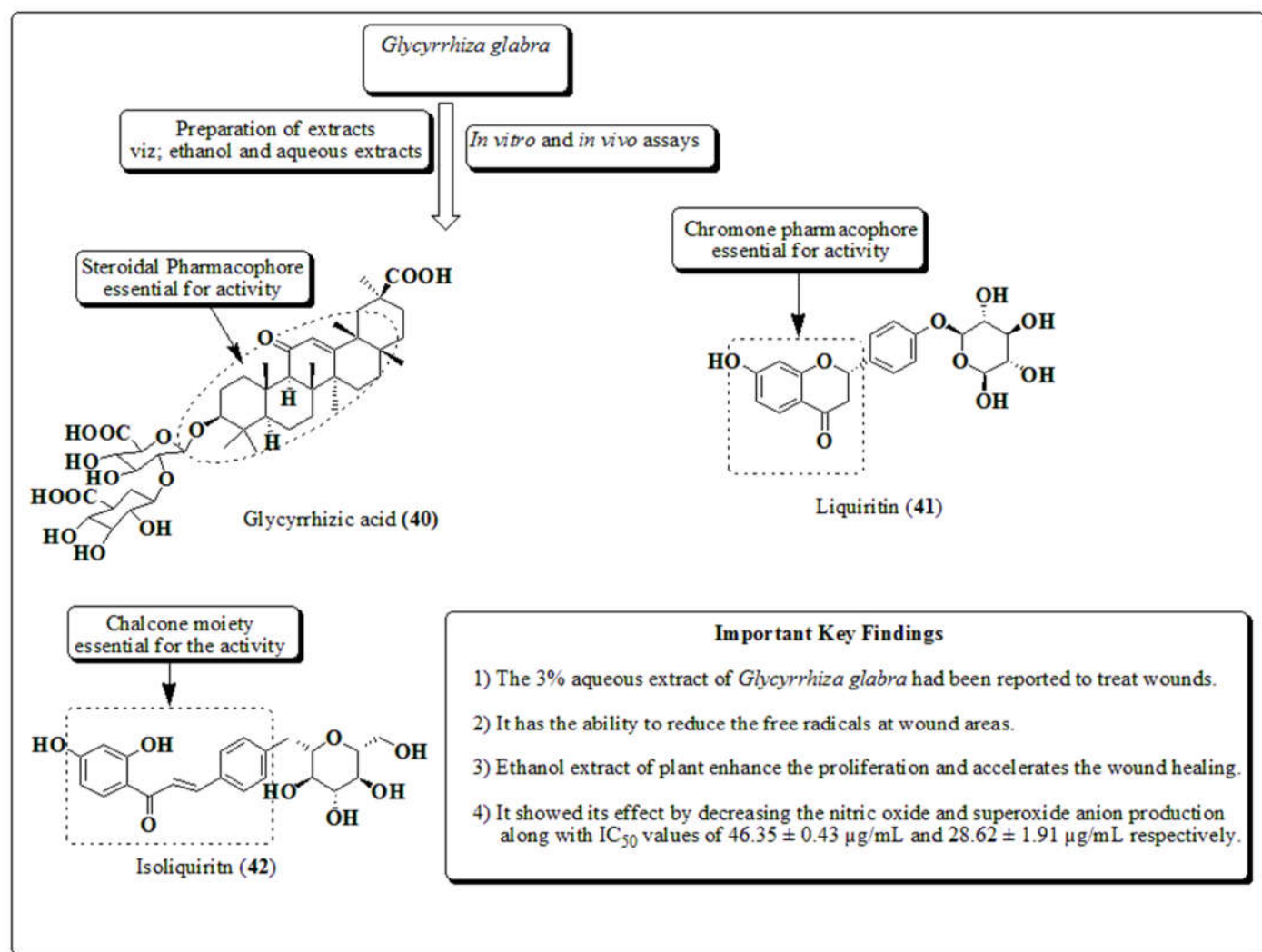
**Figure 11. (a).** Structure of phytomolecules (26-35) obtained from *Ehretia laevis* and *Ehretia microphylla*.



**Figure 11. (b).** Structure of promising phytomolecules (36-39) of *Ehretia laevis* and *Ehretia microphylla*.

### 3.10. *Glycyrrhiza glabra*

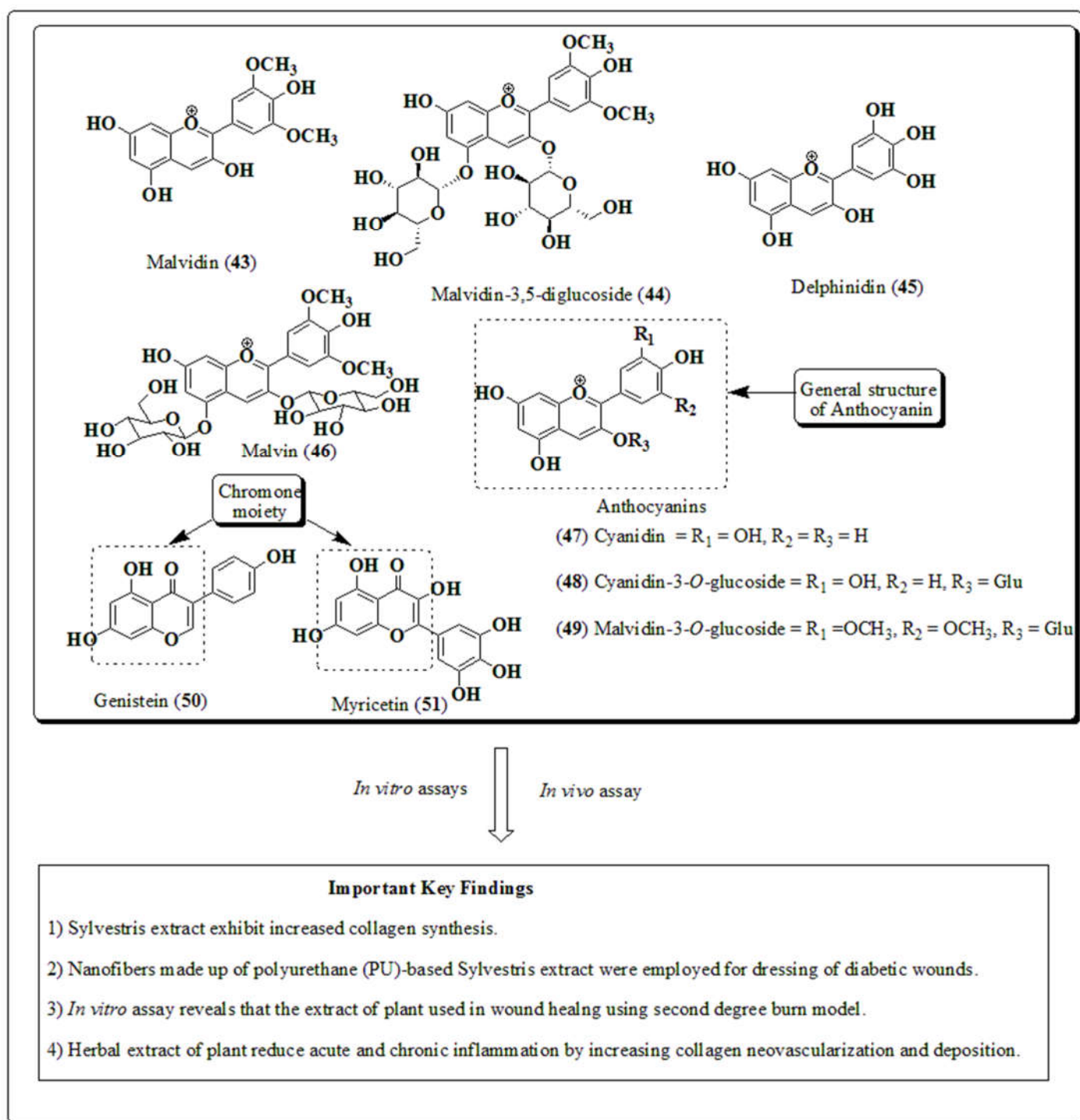
*Glycyrrhiza glabra* (Fabaceae) commonly known as mulethi. The plant has also been known as licorice, as it is the main active constituent of the plant. Plant has been widely used for its ample range of therapeutic activities such as antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial and antiulcer [124-126]. As an antiulcer, it provides a protective coating over the gastric ulcers [127]. The plant also has demulcent action which is beneficial in the healing of wounds. The extract of glycyrrhiza still has been used by tribal communities for the relief of cough and bronchitis. The main phytomolecules of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* includes triterpenoid saponins, glycyrrhizinic acid, liquiritin, isoliquitin, chalcone, flavonoids and isoflavonoids [124]. Several studies demonstrate that the plant has been extensively used for the mitigation of oral and gastric ulcers [128-133]. The 3% aqueous extract of the plant had been reported to treat wounds and cuts due to its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties which are attributed to reduce the free radicals at wound areas [134]. In an another study Siri wattanasatorn *et al.* established that the ethanol extract of plant enhance the proliferation and accelerates the wound healing by decreasing the nitric oxide and superoxide anion production with the IC<sub>50</sub> values of 46.35 ± 0.43 µg/mL and 28.62 ± 1.91 µg/mL respectively [135]. Structures of compounds (40-42) obtained from the plant were depicted in (Figure 12).



**Figure 12.** Structures of compounds (40-42) along with important key findings.

### 3.11. *Malva sylvestris*

*Malva sylvestris* has been employed as medicinal herb since ancient times for the treatment of skin care, acne as an emollient and antiseptic [136-138]. Plant has also been used for its anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial potential for the mitigation of cut, burns and wound healings [139-141]. *Sylvestris* flower extract contains flavones, flavonols, malvidin, malvin, malvaline, delphinidin, genistein; myricetin, anthocyanin, which are responsible for their pharmacological and biological activities [142, 143]. Afshar *et al.* established the wound healing potential of plants using *in vivo* mouse wound models. It was found that 1% of extract increased the collagen formation [144]. Moreover, 5% and 10% creams prepared from the extract showed significant effects in wound healing. In another approach 15 % w/w herbal extracts of plants were reducing the acute and chronic inflammation during wound dressing and also enhanced the collagen synthesis [144-146]. Structures of compounds (43-51) have been presented in (Figure 13) along with important key findings of mechanistic insights.

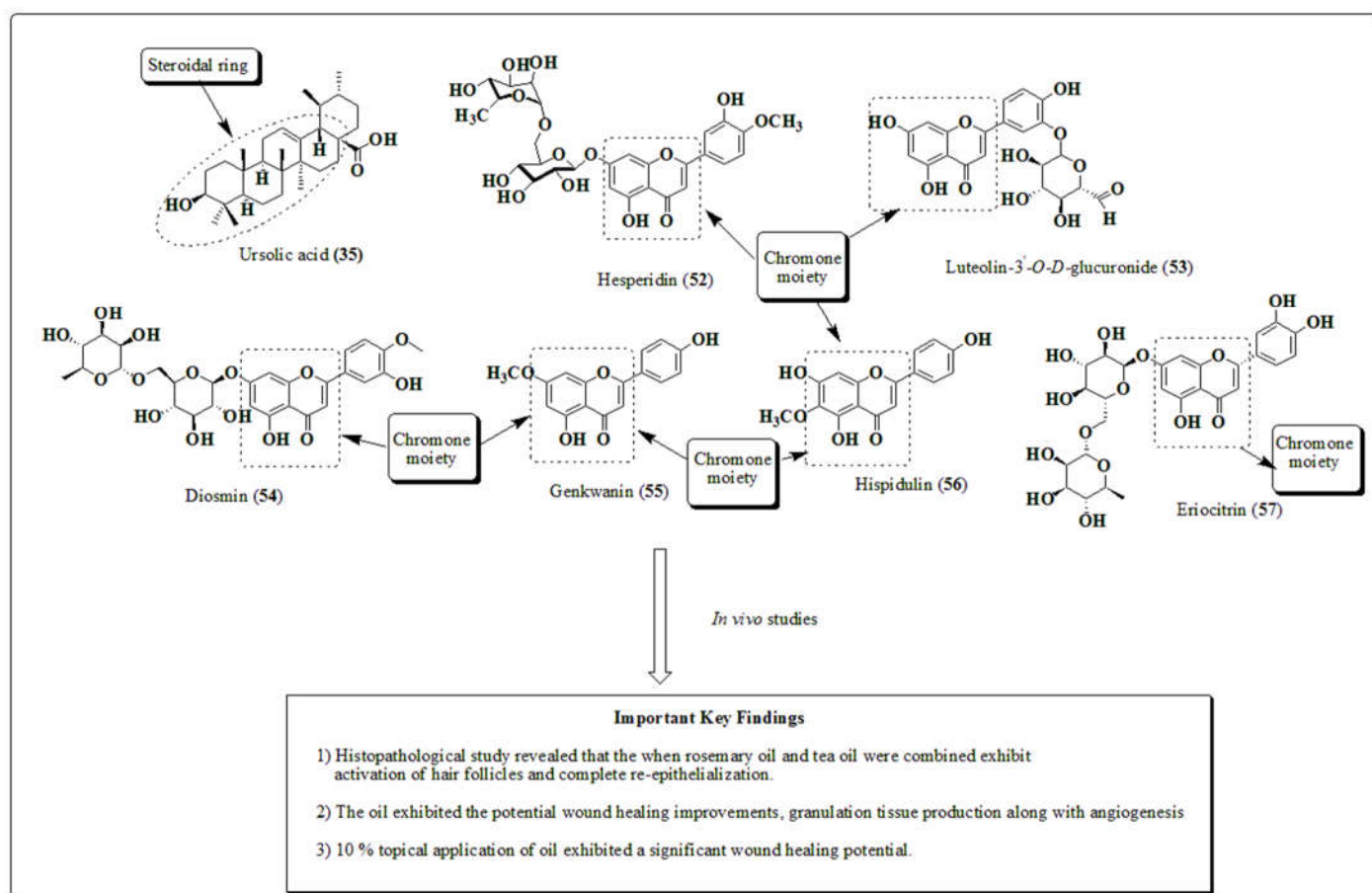


**Figure 13.** Structures of compounds (43-51) obtained from *Malva sylvestris* along with important key findings.

### 3.12. *Rosmarinus officinalis*

Plant belongs to the family Lamiaceae. It is a well known plant known as rosemary. Numerous research documents on this plant established that the plant contains various secondary metabolites which was recognized by high performance liquid chromatography, gas chromatography and LC-MS techniques. The secondary metabolites includes phenolic compounds, flavonoids, ursolic acid, hesperidin, luteolin-3'-O-D-glucuronide, diosmin, genkwanin, hispidulin and eriocitrin were found in extracts prepared from various parts of plants [147, 148]. Rosemary has a wide spectrum of activity including antioxidant, anti-ageing, dermatological problems like damage of skin by UV

radiations, skin cancer. Apart from the therapeutic uses, the plant has also been widely accepted by the cosmetic industry as well. Structures of the compounds isolated from the plant were depicted in (Figure 14). Rosemary oil has a great deal of potential in wound healing. Topical formulation made up of chitosan in conjunction with rosemary oil applied on rat excision wound model revealed a significant effect. Rosemary oil 10 % along with tea oil exhibited the synergistic effect in wound healing. The oil exhibited the potential wound healing improvements, granulation tissue production along with angiogenesis. The oil revealed complete activation of hair follicles and re-epithelialization [149, 150].

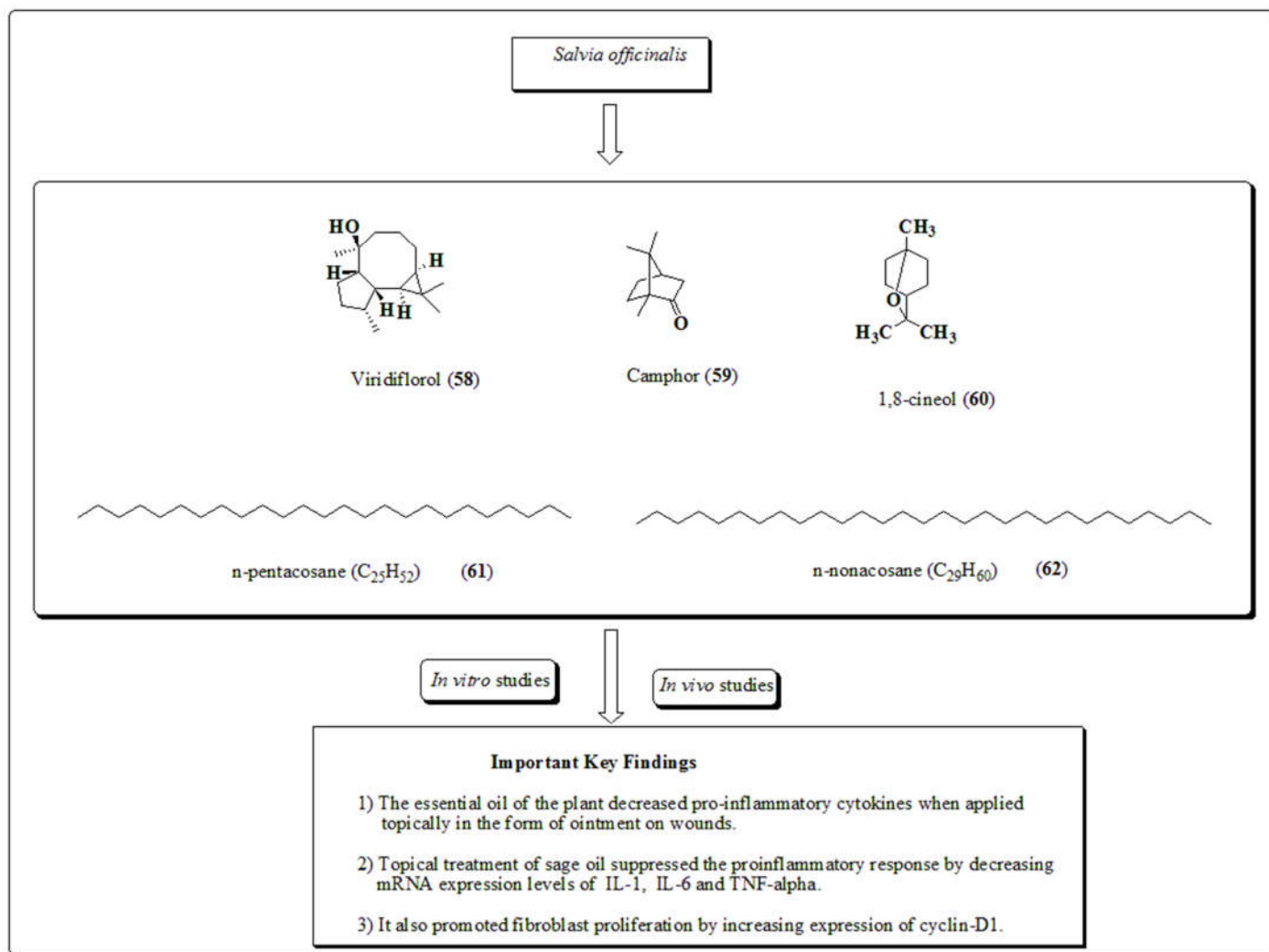


**Figure 14.** Structures of compound of plant (52-57) along with important key findings.

### 3.13. *Salvia officinalis*

Plant has been commonly known as garden sage or simply sage. It is a green subshrub with greyish leaves, wood like stem and bluish purple flowers. It belongs to the family Lamiaceae. It is widely accepted traditionally by various tribal communities against diverse illnesses. The name saliva originated from the Latin word "Salvere" which means "feel healthy and well" [151]. Numerous studies established that the plant contains essential oils, terpenoids, viridiflorol, camphor, 1,8-cineole, n-pentacosane and n-nonacosane [152]. Oil of the plant is used for its ample range of activities including wound healing, antioxidant [151], antibacterial and anti-inflammatory actions [151-154]. *In vivo* study demonstrated that the essential oil of plants exhibited noteworthy effects in wound healing by granulation tissue production and angiogenesis. The plant oil has the ability to decrease mRNA expression levels of IL-1, IL-6, TNF-alpha, and stimulated fibroblast proliferation by enhancing expression of cyclin-D1. Results of a rat excision model revealed that 10% of oil exhibited rapid wound healing. It was also found that when essential oil of plants used along with tea oil showed better results than the previous. The effects were attributed due to the presence of monoterpene which are responsible for

wound healing and antioxidant properties [155, 156]. Structures of compounds (58-62) of plant along with important key findings were depicted in (Figure 15).



**Figure 15.** Structures of compounds (58-62-60) along with important key findings .

### 3.14. Miscellaneous

Apart from the above listed plants there are also numerous plants such as *Plantago major* [157], *Ficus racemosa* [158], *Holarrhena antidysentrica* [159], *Colebrookea oppositifolia* [160], *Piper betel* [161, 162], *Rheum emodi* [163], *Moringa oleifera* [164] and their phytochemicals played a vital role in the healing of wounds. All these plants and their extracts have been widely used since ancient times by several tribal communities for the mitigation of wound healing, gastric ulcers, diabetic ulcers, cuts, antioxidant, antibacterial, antifungal and anti-inflammatory properties. The therapeutic potential of these plants was attributed due to the presence of phytochemicals including phenolic compounds, flavonoids, terpenes, steroidal terpenoids and polysaccharides. A topical gel prepared from aloe vera and 10 % *Plantago major* were used in the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers. A hydroalcoholic extract prepared from *P. major* was employed one time on the wound for two weeks to reduce the size of the wound. The outcomes of *P. major* were revealed that the plant and its molecule might be good candidates for forthcoming studies on wound healing [165].

## 5. Conclusions

In view of the potential of phytomolecules in numerous biological activities like anticancer, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antifungal, anti-HIV, skin disorders and wound healing. This assemblage presents the medicinal plants and structures of their phytomolecules include alkaloids, phenolic molecules, saponins, triterpenoids, flavonoids, glycosides and tannins along with their biological activities special focused on anti-proliferative and wound healing potential and important key findings. Plants presented in this articles such as *Aloe vera*, *Achillea millefolium*, *Andrographis paniculata*, *Boswellia sacra*, *Calendula officinalis*, *Crocus sativus*, *Curcuma longa*, *Ehretia laevis*, *Ehretia microphylla*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, *Malva sylvestris*, *Rosmarinus officinalis* and *Salvia officinalis*. *In vitro* studies of cucuma longs revealed that curcumin improves wound healing contraction by fibroblast proliferation and migration by inhibiting the production of TNF- $\alpha$  and activity of NF-kB in inflammatory stages. It has been described for its anticancer and wound healing potential in forms of nanoparticles, hydrogels, nanofibers and numerous novel combinations in the cure of chronic wounds. The natural plants, their extracts, and phytomolecules present in medicinal plants were established as significant elements in homeostasis, re-epithelialization, regeneration by enhancing collagen production and fibroblasts proliferation. Flavonoids, phenolic compounds, triterpenoids and carotenoids hinder oxidative stress and stimulate antioxidant activity in the mitigation of cancer and wound repairs. In current era numerous practices validated the traditional use of these plants, extracts, phytomolecules and their formulation are moving toward the progress of pioneering wound care remedies in conjunction with herbal healing agents in the form of modern products like nanoparticles, nanostructures, nano-fibers and nano-formulations.

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