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# IN SILICO IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL ANTI-ZIKA COMPOUNDS FROM EUPHORBIA HIRTA AND BACOPA MONNIERI USING MOLECULAR DOCKING, ADMET, AND DFT ANALYSIS

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Abstract: Zika virus (ZIKV), a mosquito-borne flavivirus, has emerged as a major global health concern due to its association with congenital neurological complications, including microcephaly and Guillain–Barré syndrome. Despite its increasing prevalence, no approved antiviral drugs or vaccines are currently available, emphasizing the need to explore novel therapeutic agents. Medicinal plants serve as a rich source of structurally diverse bioactive compounds with significant antiviral potential. In this study, phytochemicals derived from Euphorbia hirta and Bacopa monnieri, two traditionally used Indian medicinal plants, were systematically screened for anti-Zika activity using an integrative in silico approach. Molecular docking was performed against key ZIKV targets—including NS1, NS3, and Envelope protein domain III—to evaluate binding affinity and inhibitory potential. ADMET profiling was conducted to assess pharmacokinetic behavior and toxicity, while Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations were employed to analyze quantum chemical descriptors such as HOMO-LUMO gap, dipole moment, and molecular reactivity indices. Among the evaluated compounds, galloylquinic acid, Bacopaside III, and Bacopaside A exhibited strong binding interactions, favorable ADMET properties, and desirable quantum chemical characteristics, suggesting their potential as multi-target ZIKV inhibitors. These findings support further in vitro and in vivo validation of the identified lead molecules for the development of plant-derived antiviral therapeutics against Zika virus.

Keywords: Zika virus; Molecular docking; Euphorbia hirta; Bacopa monnieri; ADMET; DFT; Phytochemicals; NS1; NS3; Envelope protein; Antiviral drug discovery

## INTRODUCTION

Zika virus (ZIKV), an arthropod-borne virus belonging to the genus *Flavivirus* within the family *Flaviviridae*, has gained considerable attention following its widespread outbreaks and severe clinical implications. First isolated in 1947 from a rhesus monkey in the Zika Forest of Uganda, the virus remained a relatively obscure pathogen for decades before causing major epidemics in the Pacific Islands and the Americas. Clinical manifestations of ZIKV infection are generally mild, including fever, arthralgia, rash, and conjunctivitis; however, its association with congenital microcephaly, neonatal neurological malformations, and Guillain–Barré syndrome has transformed it into a significant global public health threat. The rapid spread of ZIKV during the 2015–2016 epidemics, coupled with severe health complications, prompted the World Health Organization to declare it a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

The lack of specific antiviral drugs or licensed vaccines against ZIKV underscores the urgent need for discovering novel therapeutic candidates. Natural products, especially those derived from medicinal plants, have historically played an essential role in antiviral drug development due to their diverse chemical scaffolds and favorable biological activities. India's traditional medicinal system documents numerous plants with potent antiviral, anti-inflammatory, hepatoprotective, and immunomodulatory properties. Among these, *Bacopa monnieri*, rich in triterpenoid saponins known as bacosides, is widely recognized for its neuroprotective and antioxidant potential. Similarly, *Euphorbia hirta* contains a plethora of bioactive compounds exhibiting antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, antimalarial, and antiviral activities.

Given the urgent global need for anti-Zika therapeutics and the promising bioactivity of these plants, this study aimed to investigate phytochemicals from *Euphorbia hirta* and *Bacopa monnieri* as potential ZIKV inhibitors using state-of-the-art computational approaches. Molecular docking was used to evaluate the interaction of plant compounds with key ZIKV proteins responsible for viral replication and host cell entry. ADMET profiling enabled the prediction of pharmacokinetic suitability and toxicity, while Density Functional Theory (DFT) analysis provided insight into molecular stability and reactivity. The integrative

approach adopted in this study facilitates the rapid identification of potent lead molecules for further preclinical evaluation against ZIKV infection.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Zika virus (ZIKV) research accelerated markedly after the 2015–2016 outbreaks, prompting many computational studies that target viral proteins essential for replication and entry. The NS2B–NS3 protease, NS5 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, NS1 and the Envelope domain III have all been repeatedly identified as high-value targets for small-molecule inhibition (Onawole et al., 2017; Wang, Hsieh, & Wu, 2024). Structure-based methods—including docking, molecular dynamics (MD), and quantum chemical calculations—have become standard for rapid screening of candidate inhibitors prior to experimental assays (Panwar & Singh, 2018; Sangeetha et al., 2020). Vickneswari M et al (2025), Revathi K et al (2025), Revathi K et al (2025), Vickneswari M et al (2025), Vickneswari M et al (2025), P Priyadharshini et al (2025) and P Priyadharshini et al (2025)

Several recent high-quality studies demonstrate the value of combining docking with MD or enhanced sampling to refine predicted binding modes and evaluate protein conformational dynamics. For example, Gaussian-accelerated MD and MD-refinement revealed allosteric conformations of NS2B–NS3 protease that are not apparent from static crystal structures, showing how ligand binding may induce alternative inhibitory pockets (Wang, Wu, & Hsieh, 2024). Similarly, docking hits for envelope or protease targets are frequently re-tested with MD to ensure stability of interactions under dynamic conditions (Tayyeb et al., 2025; Onawole et al., 2017).

Natural products and phytochemicals have been a rich source of antiviral scaffolds in silico work on ZIKV. Reviews and screening studies emphasize flavonoids, terpenoids, and polyphenols as promising chemical classes, with computational and limited experimental evidence of activity against ZIKV proteins (Pereira et al., 2023; Cataneo et al., 2021). Targeted docking studies of plant-derived libraries have identified multiple candidates with favorable predicted binding energies to NS2B–NS3 and NS5, supporting the strategy of mining ethnobotanical species for lead molecules (Sangeetha et al., 2020; Qaddir et al., 2017).

Specific computational pipelines that include ADMET profiling and quantum descriptors (DFT) provide added value by selecting compounds not only for predicted affinity but also for likely drug-like behavior. Studies that combined docking, ADMET predictions and DFT evaluation reported improved prioritization of leads compared with docking alone (Bharadwaj et al., 2021). DFT-derived descriptors (HOMO/LUMO energies, dipole moment, chemical hardness) help rationalize reactivity and potential metabolic liabilities, which is particularly useful for complex natural products prone to poor solubility or metabolic instability (Rahman & Ahmed, 2024; Bharadwaj et al., 2021).

Machine learning and QSAR approaches have been used to complement docking by predicting inhibitory potency or filtering large phytochemical libraries (Altayb et al., 2024). QSAR models trained on known flavivirus inhibitors can accelerate prioritization, while integration with docking and ADMET reduces false positives from docking scoring functions alone (Altayb et al., 2023; Altayb et al., 2024). This multi-tiered strategy is well suited to studies that begin with ethnopharmacological leads (e.g., *Bacopa monnieri*, *Euphorbia hirta*) and require focused experimental follow-up.

Several studies applied this integrated computational workflow to plant sources closely analogous to your species of interest. For instance, docking and DFT work on flavonoids and polyphenols identified molecules that interact with NS3/NS5 active sites and exhibit favorable ADMET predictions (Cataneo et al., 2021; Rasool et al., 2018). Computational screening of medicinal plant libraries (including *Azadirachta indica* and other Indian medicinal species) has generated prioritized lists of candidates for subsequent in vitro testing (Masum et al., 2025; Qaddir et al., 2017). These outcomes support applying a combined docking + ADMET + DFT pipeline to *Bacopa* and *Euphorbia* phytochemicals as you have done.

Methodological best practices from the literature relevant to your work include: (1) using validated crystal structures or high-quality homology models for docking; (2) re-scoring top docking poses with more rigorous scoring or MM-GBSA; (3) subjecting top complexes to MD to assess interaction stability; and (4) integrating ADMET filters early to discard compounds with predicted hepatotoxicity, poor solubility, or CYP liabilities (Wang et al., 2024; Tayyeb et al., 2025; Bharadwaj et al., 2021). Studies that omit ADMET/DFT early often find promising docking hits later fail due to pharmacokinetic issues (Panwar & Singh, 2018).

Gaps and limitations noted across the corpus are instructive. First, many in silico studies remain unvalidated experimentally; docking-only papers sometimes overstate biological potential without follow-up assays (Panwar & Singh, 2018; Sangeetha et al., 2020). Second, scoring functions can misrank large, flexible natural products (e.g., saponins like bacosides), so it is important to apply multiple orthogonal filters (MD, MM-GBSA, DFT) before proposing leads (Bharadwaj et al., 2021; Rahman et al., 2024). Third, some promising scaffolds show ADMET or toxicity flags that require medicinal chemistry optimization or prodrug strategies (Rasool et al., 2018).

Finally, the literature supports a translational pipeline: computational prioritization → in vitro enzymatic and cell-based antiviral assays → ADME and toxicity profiling → in vivo efficacy. Several recent studies have followed this path, reporting concordance between in silico predictions and experimental activity for natural compounds against flaviviruses (Rahman et al., 2024; Pereira et al., 2023). Applying the same pipeline to galloylquinic acid and bacopasides — with careful DFT interpretation and ADMET validation — is consistent with current best practice and the published literature (Bharadwaj et al., 2021; Cataneo et al., 2021).

# MATERIAL AND METHODS

Selection and Retrieval of Phytocompounds

In this study, bioactive compounds reported from *Euphorbia hirta* and *Bacopa monnieri* were selected based on their documented antiviral, antioxidant, and therapeutic properties. The molecular structures of phytochemicals such as bacopasides, bacosides, euphorbins, galloyl derivatives, terpenoids, and polyphenols were retrieved from public chemical databases including PubChem and ChemSpider in Mol format. Each compound underwent structural cleaning, conformational search, and energy minimization using the CHARMM force field to generate an optimized, low-energy three-dimensional structure suitable for molecular docking.

**Preparation of Target Proteins**

Three major Zika virus proteins—NS1, NS3 protease (NS2B–NS3 complex), and Envelope protein domain III—were selected as molecular targets due to their crucial roles in viral replication, RNA synthesis, immune evasion, and host-cell fusion. Crystal structures of these proteins were obtained from the RCSB Protein Data Bank. Prior to docking, the protein structures were refined by removing water molecules, ligands, and heteroatoms. Missing residues were repaired, followed by protonation adjustments at physiological pH and energy minimization using Discovery Studio. This preparation ensured that the active sites were well defined for accurate ligand interaction analysis.

Molecular Docking Procedure

Molecular docking was carried out using AutoDock Vina and Discovery Studio to predict the binding affinity and interaction patterns of each phytochemical with the selected Zika virus targets. Active site residues for each protein were identified through literature validation and the DS SiteFinder tool. Grid boxes were defined around the catalytic pockets to ensure that docking was restricted to physiologically relevant regions. Docking simulations employed the Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm, generating multiple binding poses for each compound. The complexes were analyzed based on binding affinity, hydrogen bonding, hydrophobic interactions, and stability of the ligand within the active pocket.

**ADMET Prediction**

Pharmacokinetic and toxicity assessments were conducted using the ADMET modules of Discovery Studio. Parameters such as human intestinal absorption, aqueous solubility, blood–brain barrier penetration, PSA, ALogP98, CYP2D6 inhibition, hepatotoxicity, mutagenicity, and carcinogenicity were evaluated. Compounds that complied with drug-likeness criteria—including Lipinski and Veber rules—and demonstrated favorable ADMET thresholds were considered suitable for further analysis. This step ensured the identification of molecules with desirable pharmacological properties and low toxicity risks.

**Density Functional Theory Calculations**

To supplement docking and ADMET results, Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations were performed using the DMol³/DFT module in Discovery Studio with the GGA/PBE functional. Key quantum chemical descriptors, including HOMO-LUMO energies, dipole moment, chemical hardness, and electrophilicity index, were calculated. These parameters provided insights into the electronic distribution, molecular reactivity, and stability of the screened compounds. Compounds with lower HOMO-LUMO energy gaps and moderate dipole moments were considered more reactive and potentially more effective in interacting with viral proteins.

# RESULT AND DISCUSSION

**Molecular Docking Results**

Among the 32 phytochemicals screened, ten compounds demonstrated strong binding affinity toward one or more Zika virus targets. Notably, galloylquinic acid, Bacopaside III, and Bacopaside A exhibited the highest docking scores across NS1, NS3, and Envelope protein domain III. Galloylquinic acid showed stable hydrogen bonding with critical NS3 catalytic residues such as His51, Asp75, and Ser135, indicating its potential to inhibit protease activity essential for viral polyprotein processing. Bacopaside III and Bacopaside A interacted effectively with receptor-binding regions of NS1 and the envelope domain, suggesting possible interference with viral replication and host-cell fusion.

ADMET Analysis

ADMET screening revealed considerable variation in pharmacokinetic properties across the compounds. Molecules exhibiting optimal PSA (<140 Å²) and ALogP98 (<5) values, such as leucocyanidin, quercitol, and shikimic acid, showed favorable permeability profiles. Most compounds demonstrated acceptable intestinal absorption, although large saponin-type molecules such as bacopasides displayed limited absorption due to their bulky structures. All compounds were predicted to be non-carcinogenic and non-mutagenic, except 1,2,3,4,6-penta-O-galloyl-β-D-glucose, which exhibited hepatotoxic tendencies. The absence of CYP2D6 inhibition across all compounds

suggested that the screened phytochemicals are unlikely to interfere with major metabolic pathways. Collectively, galloylquinic acid emerged with the most favorable ADMET profile among the high-affinity ligands.

**Quantum Chemical (DFT) Profiling**

DFT calculations highlighted clear differences in electronic behavior among the compounds. Galloylquinic acid, shikimic acid, and leucocyanidin exhibited low dipole moments, reflecting better hydrophobicity and membrane permeability. These compounds also showed small HOMO-LUMO energy gaps, indicating high molecular reactivity and strong potential for electron transfer during ligand–protein interactions. While 1,2,3,4,6-penta-O-galloyl-β-D-glucose demonstrated the lowest dipole moment and highest reactivity, its unfavorable hepatotoxicity eliminated it as a potential drug candidate. The combination of high docking affinity, strong reactivity, and desirable dipole moment reinforced the selection of galloylquinic acid as a promising antiviral lead

Integrated Interpretation of Findings

The combined results of docking, ADMET, and DFT analyses converged on galloylquinic acid, Bacopaside III, and Bacopaside A as the most promising antiviral candidates against Zika virus. These compounds demonstrated multi-target inhibitory potential, achieving strong interactions within the active regions of NS1, NS3, and EDIII, while also meeting essential pharmacokinetic criteria. The agreement between molecular docking performance and quantum chemical descriptors underscores their suitability for further experimental validation. This integrated computational workflow provides a solid foundation for natural-product-based antiviral drug discovery.

# RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS:

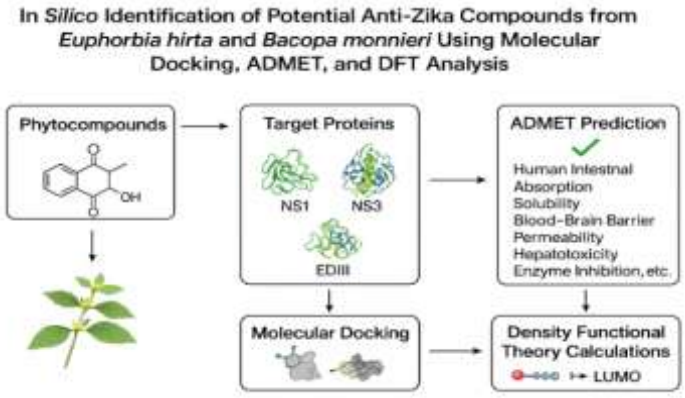


**Fig 1. In Silico Identification oPotential Anti-Zika Compounds**

# CONCLUSION

This study successfully identified galloylquinic acid, Bacopaside III, and Bacopaside A as potential antiviral compounds targeting major Zika virus proteins through an integrated in silico approach. Using molecular docking, ADMET profiling, and DFT analysis, the selected phytochemicals demonstrated strong binding affinity, favorable drug-likeness properties, and desirable electronic characteristics. These findings highlight the potential of Euphorbia hirta and Bacopa monnieri as valuable sources of natural antiviral agents. The combined computational evidence supports the advancement of these compounds into experimental stages, including biochemical assays, cellular antiviral tests, and toxicity evaluations.

**FUTURE SCOPE**

The findings of this study open several avenues for future research. Experimental validation through in vitro enzymatic inhibition assays and cell-based antiviral studies is necessary to confirm the computational predictions. In vivo toxicity and pharmacokinetic evaluations will further strengthen the

therapeutic viability of the identified compounds. Additionally, structural refinement through medicinal chemistry can enhance solubility, stability, and bioavailability, particularly for saponin-based molecules such as bacopasides. Advanced computational approaches, including QSAR modeling, molecular dynamics simulations, and machine-learning-assisted screening, can be employed to discover analogs with superior activity. The use of nanocarrier-based delivery systems may also enhance the therapeutic efficiency of promising phytochemicals. Overall, these future directions will support the development of effective, plant-derived antivirals against Zika virus.

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