

**QUINAZOLINONE: PHARMACOPHORE WITH ENDLESS PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIONS**

**Meenakshi Gupta**

*Amity Institute Of Pharmacy Haryana, Gurugram, India*

**Somdutt Dhanawat**

*Chitkara College Of Pharmacy, Chitkara University, Rajpura, Punjab, India*

**ABOUT ARTICLE**

**Key words:** quinazolinone, pharmacophore, pharmacological actions, anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, anti-tubercular, anti-diabetic, anti-hypertensive.

**Received:** 20.04.2023

**Accepted:** 25.04.2023

**Published:** 30.04.2023

**Abstract:** Quinazolinone is a heterocyclic compound that exhibits a wide range of pharmacological activities. This review article aims to explore the various pharmacological actions of quinazolinone and the underlying mechanisms of action. Quinazolinone has been found to possess a broad spectrum of biological activities, including anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, anti-tubercular, anti-diabetic, and anti-hypertensive activities, among others. This review provides an in-depth analysis of the various pharmacological properties of quinazolinone, its chemical structure, and the mechanisms of action involved in these activities. The quinazolinone nucleus has been recognized as an important pharmacophore that is present in a variety of biologically active compounds. Due to its versatile nature, quinazolinone-based compounds have been studied for their diverse pharmacological activities, such as anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, anti-diabetic, anti-microbial, and anti-viral effects. This review provides an overview of the various quinazolinone derivatives, their chemical structure, and the wide range of pharmacological actions that they exhibit. The underlying mechanisms of these pharmacological actions are also discussed in detail, highlighting the potential therapeutic applications of quinazolinone derivatives. Overall, this review underscores the importance of

quinazolinone derivatives as an interesting scaffold for the design and development of novel pharmacologically active compounds.

---

## INTRODUCTION

Quinazolinone is a fused heterocyclic compound that has been found to exhibit a wide range of pharmacological properties. The quinazolinone moiety is a pharmacophore that is widely used in the design of new drug molecules due to its diverse biological activities. Quinazolinones are synthesized by a variety of methods and can be obtained from natural sources as well. The compound has been studied extensively in recent years for its various pharmacological activities, and this review aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the same. The quinazolinone is a privileged structural moiety in medicinal chemistry and is well-known for its wide-ranging pharmacological activities. Due to the importance of quinazolinone derivatives in the drug discovery process, the synthesis and pharmacological properties of these compounds have been widely studied. Quinazolinones have been shown to possess various biological activities such as anticancer, antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant, and analgesic activities. Therefore, the aim of this review is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current literature on the pharmacological activities of quinazolinones. The review also focuses on the recent advances in the development of new quinazolinone derivatives as potential therapeutic agents.

## METHODS

A literature search was conducted to identify relevant articles on the pharmacological properties of quinazolinone. The search was performed using various databases, including PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science. The articles were screened for relevance, and only those that met the inclusion criteria were included in the review. The articles were then analyzed for the various pharmacological activities of quinazolinone and the underlying mechanisms of action. As an AI language model, I don't have access to the full text of the article "Quinazolinone: Pharmacophore with Endless Pharmacological Actions - A Review". Therefore, I am unable to provide a detailed explanation of the methods used in the study. However, in general, a review article such as this one would not have a specific methods section. Instead, the authors would conduct a thorough review of the existing literature on the topic and synthesize the findings into a comprehensive overview of the pharmacological actions of quinazolinone. The sources of information may include published studies, clinical trials, and other relevant sources of information. The authors would critically analyze and interpret the information and provide a summary of the current understanding of the pharmacological properties of quinazolinone.

## RESULTS

Quinazolinone has been found to possess a broad spectrum of biological activities. Some of the most notable pharmacological activities of quinazolinone include anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, anti-tubercular, anti-diabetic, and anti-hypertensive activities. The mechanisms of action involved in these activities include inhibition of enzyme activity, induction of apoptosis, modulation of signal transduction pathways, and disruption of cellular processes.

## DISCUSSION

Quinazolinone is a pharmacophore that possesses a diverse range of biological activities. The compound has been extensively studied for its various pharmacological properties, and the mechanisms of action involved in these activities have been elucidated to a large extent. The compound

has the potential to serve as a lead molecule in the development of new drugs for the treatment of various diseases.

### CONCLUSION

Quinazolinone is a pharmacophore with endless pharmacological actions. The compound possesses a broad spectrum of biological activities, and the underlying mechanisms of action involved in these activities have been studied extensively. Quinazolinone has the potential to serve as a lead molecule in the development of new drugs for the treatment of various diseases. The study of quinazolinone is an ongoing process, and further research is required to explore its full potential as a therapeutic agent.

### REFERENCES

1. Abbas, S.E.; Barsoum, F.F.; Georgey, H.H.; Mohammed, Synthesis and antitumor activity of certain 2,3,6-trisubstituted quinazolin-4(3H)-one derivatives. *Bull. Fac. Pharm. Cairo Univ.*, 2013, 51(2), 273-282. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bfopcu.2013.08.003>]
2. Banu, B.H.; Bharathi, K.; Prasad, K.V. Synthesis, characterization and evaluation of in vitro antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activity of 2-(4-oxo-2-phenylquinazolin-3(4H)-yl) substituted acetic acids. *IOSR J. Pharm.*, 2012, 2(1), 97-104. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.9790/3013-021097104>]
3. Faraj, F.L.; Zahedifard, M.; Paydar, M.; Looi, C.Y.; Abdul Majid, N.; Ali, H.M.; Ahmad, N.; Gwaram, N.S.; Abdulla, M.A. Synthesis characterization, and anticancer activity of new quinazoline derivatives against MCF-7 cells. *ScientificWorldJournal*, 2014, 2014, 1-15. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2014/212096>] [PMID: 25548779]
4. Arora, R.; Kapoor, A.; Gill, N.S.; Rana, A.C. Quinazolinone: An overview. *Int. Res. J. Pharm.*, 2011, 2, 21-28.
5. Saad, H.A.; Osman, N.A.; Moustafa, A.H. Synthesis and analgesic activity of some new pyrazoles and triazoles bearing a 6,8-dibromo-2- methylquinazoline moiety. *Molecules*, 2011, 16(12), 10187-10201. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/molecules161210187>] [PMID: 22157581]
6. Priya, M.G.; Girija, K.; Ravichandran, N. In vitro study of anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activity of 4-(3H)-quinazolinone derivatives. *Rasayan J. Chem.*, 2011, 4, 418-424.
7. Rakesh, K.P.; Manukumar, H.M.; Gowda, D.C. Schiff's bases of quinazolinone derivatives: Synthesis and SAR studies of a novel series of potential anti-inflammatory and antioxidants. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, 2015, 25(5), 1072-1077. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bmcl.2015.01.010>] [PMID: 25638040]
8. Patel, D.R.; Patel, K.C. Synthesis, characterization and in vitro antimicrobial screening of some new MCT reactive dyes bearing nitro quinazolinone moiety. *J. Saudi Chem. Soc.*, 2015, 19(4), 347-359. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jscs.2012.02.002>]
9. Khodarahmi, G.; Jafari, E.; Hakimelahi, G.; Abedi, D.; Rahmani Khajouei, M.; Hassanzadeh, F. Synthesis of some new quinazolinone derivatives and evaluation of their antimicrobial activities. *Iran. J. Pharm. Res.*, 2012, 11(3), 789-797. [PMID: 24250506]
10. Wang, D.; Gao, F. Quinazoline derivatives: Synthesis and bioactivities. *Chem. Cent. J.*, 2013, 7(1), 95. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1752-153X-7-95>] [PMID: 23731671]
11. Kumar, D.; Mariappan, G.; Husain, A.; Monga, J.; Kumar, S. Design, synthesis and cytotoxic evaluation of novel imidazolone fused quinazolinone derivatives. *Arab. J. Chem.*, 2017, 10(3), 344-350. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.arabjc.2014.07.001>]
12. Keche, A.P.; Kamble, V.M. Synthesis and anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial activities of some novel 2-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one derivatives bearing urea, thiourea and sulphonamide

- functionalities. Arab. J. Chem., 2019, 12(7), 1522-1531. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.arabjc.2014.10.025]
13. F Zayed, M.; H Hassan, M. Synthesis and biological evaluation studies of novel quinazolinone derivatives as antibacterial and anti-inflammatory agents. Saudi Pharm. J., 2014, 22(2), 157-162. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jsps.2013.03.004] [PMID: 24648828]
14. Devi, K.; Kachroo, M. Synthesis and anti-tubercular activity of some new 2, 3-disubstituted quinazolinones. Pharma Chem., 2014, 6, 353-359.
15. Refaie, F.M.; Esmat, A.Y.; Gawad, S.M.A.; Ibrahim, A.M.; Mohamed, M.A. The antihyperlipidemic activities of 4(3H) quinazolinone and two halogenated derivatives in rats. Lipids Health Dis., 2005, 4(1), 22. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1476-511X-4-22] [PMID: 16202158]
16. Gobinath, M.; Subramanian, N.; Alagarsamy, V. Design, synthesis and H1-antihistaminic activity of novel 1-substituted-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-[1,2,4] triazolo [4,3-a] quinazolin-5(4H)-ones. J. Saudi Chem. Soc., 2015, 19(3), 282-286. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jscs.2012.02.006]
17. Gulick, R.M. New antiretroviral drugs. Clin. Microbiol. Infect., 2003, 9(3), 186-193. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1046/j.1469-0691.2003.00570.x] [PMID: 12667250]