

## Antimalaria and Anti-Inflammatory Activities New Chloroquine and Primaquine Hybrids Targeting the Blockade of Malaria Parasite Transmission

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### Abstract

Malaria is a disease that necessitates the development of new treatments not only to combat *Plasmodium* but also to alleviate infection symptoms such as fever and inflammation. Chloroquine (CQ) and Primaquine (PQ) were coupled to the pharmacophoric group found in phenylacetic anti-inflammatory medicines to create a sequence of 21 hybrid molecules. These chemicals were created with a dual purpose in mind: to kill *Plasmodium* while also acting on the inflammatory process caused by malaria infection. Nine different biological approaches were used to test the substances. In vitro, the carbonylated CQ derivative was more effective than CQ, reduced parasitemia in *P. berghei* by up to 37% on day 7. PQ derivative 17 was slightly carbonylated. PQ is less powerful. In mosquitoes, the gem-difluoro PQ derivative showed a high level of transmission blocking of the malaria sporogonic cycle. Compounds 6 and 20 lowered No generation and suppressed TNF production in LPS-stimulated J774A.1 macrophages in a dose-dependent manner. Our findings suggest a plausible and intriguing strategy for developing new chemical entities that operate as transmission-blocking medications for treating malaria caused by *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax*, as well as the anti-inflammatory mechanism associated with the condition. We introduce a new family of hybrid compounds made up of the anti-plasmodial medicines primaquine and chloroquine. To yet, no treatment has been found to be effective against all phases of *Plasmodium*'s life cycle. We devised and synthesized a new-generation molecule including both primaquine and chloroquine components from accessible precursors, with the goal of developing medicines with bioactivity against different stages of the parasite's life cycle. The hybrid molecule 3 has activity against asexual and sexual *P. falciparum* blood stages, as well as *P. berghei* sporozoites and liver stages, in vitro. The hybrid is active against *P. berghei* liver and blood stages in vivo. The concept of using one chemical to combine distinct mechanisms of action that attack different *Plasmodium* stages in the mammalian host was successfully validated by our findings. It is our hope that the pathogen will be outwitted by the new design of such chemicals in the spread of drug resistance. The chemical is accessible in a smooth and adaptable manner according to the streamlined synthesis process, and it is open to additional molecular modification.

**Keywords:** Chloroquine; Primaquine; Hybrid molecules; *Plasmodium*; Multistage; Anti-inflammatory

### Introduction

Quinolines are one of the most commonly prescribed malaria medications. Quinine was the first quinoline derivative to be used to treat malaria, followed by synthetic quinoline derivatives including Chloroquine (CQ) and Primaquine (PQ). CQ was the first choice of treatment for malaria since it is one of the safest, most inexpensive, and most effective medications against numerous forms of plasmodia. However, due to abuse, Chloroquine Resistant Strains (CQR) have emerged, rendering it useless in many regions of the world. There is widespread parasite resistance, putting the efficacy of malaria medicine treatments in jeopardy. This resistance is characterized as a delay in parasite elimination after treatment with artemisinin derivatives, which justifies the development of these drugs. Novel antimalarial drug like 8-aminoquinoline PQ and the recently approved Tafenoquine are the only medications approved to treat relapsing *P. vivax* malaria, and they both act as antimicrobials despite their side effects. The primary purpose of all potential antimalarial medicines is to kill the malaria parasite. The most deadly form of the disease is Cerebral Malaria (CM), which is linked to elevated levels of cytokines and chemokines as mediators of inflammation. *P. vivax* is the most widely distributed malaria species, accounting for malaria cases in America in 2010, with cases reported in Brazil. Since 1946, Chloroquine has been the well-tolerated treatment of choice for acute vivax malaria. The drug relieves fever and parasitemia within 72 hours of the first dose and is rapidly absorbed and slowly eliminated, primarily as the parent drug and as

a metabolite of approximately 3: 1 Desethychloroquine [DCQ] in a ratio of about the plasma half-life is about 50 hours and therapeutic levels against vivax malaria persist in the blood until the 21st to 35th day after treatment [1, 2]. Due to recurrence of parasitemia via asexual transmission, CQ-resistant *P. vivax* favor recurrence. After treatment with blood schizontocides, parasites in the blood stage. In an ideal world, determining drug concentrations and their most relevant active metabolites in the blood would confirm in vivo CQ Resistance [CR]. When Australians who immigrated from Papua New Guinea failed to obtain normal treatment, *P. vivax* CR was discovered. Evidence of the occurrence exists in South America, however there is a scarcity of data. No recurrent parasitemia was detected in certain trials conducted in different locales within 28 days [9-11] or 30 days after the combined CQ and primaquine PQ therapy failed in *P. vivax* malaria acquired by Canadian visitors in GUYANA. *P. vivax* CR has been recorded in three cases in 177 patients in Colombia, resulting in the proper 28-day

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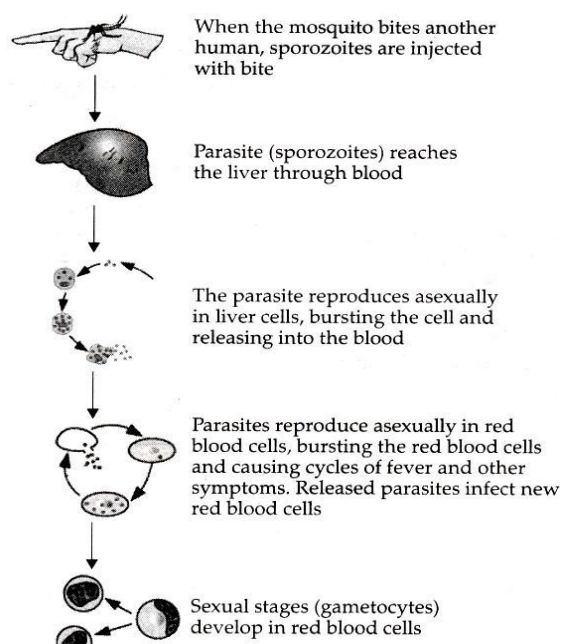
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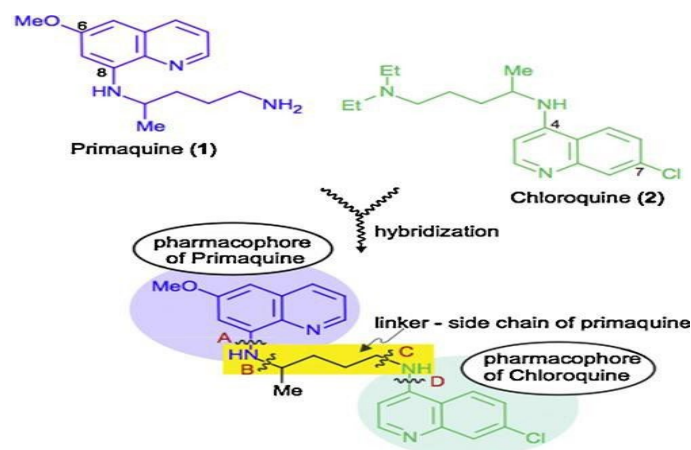
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follow-up of 109 *P. vivax* patients who were only provided CQ [PQ prescription postponed to 28 days] in 2007. After plasmatic CQ dose to confirm 10.1 percent resistance Although PQ possesses schizonticidal activity against *P. vivax*, it is commonly utilized as a hypnozoiticidal medication. In vitro evidence of synergy between PQ and CQ against *P. falciparum* schizonts has been found. For the asexual blood stage of *P. vivax*, however, there is no indication of synergy between these two medicines. In patients with uncomplicated Vivax malaria, treatment efficacy after 28 days did not differ substantially between the CQ monotherapy group and the group receiving CQ plus PQ for 14 days, according to the available data [3, 4]. These facts, however, solely apply to Asian tribes and cannot be easily generalized to Latin America. The reasoning for extended parasitemia due to treatment resistance explains particularly severe anaemia; nevertheless, no individual individuals have been identified. Because CQ is no longer utilized in most of their locations, *P. vivax* CR who develop anaemia are well described [5, 6]. We measured in vivo CQ resistance in patients with uncomplicated *P. vivax* from western BRAZIL using CQ [standard dose of 25 mg/kg over the first 3 days estimated first 7 days] and PQ [0.5 mg/kg / Day over the first 3 days estimated first 7 days], as well as the dynamics of haemoglobin levels over the follow-up period in both resistant and sensitive groups. Malaria is a leading source of morbidity and mortality, with antimicrobials in use [7] and novel antimicrobials being discovered all over the world. The malarial parasite, Plasmodium, requires two hosts to complete its life cycle. In humans, the asexual phase of growth occurs, which can be represented as follows (Figure 1, 2, 3)

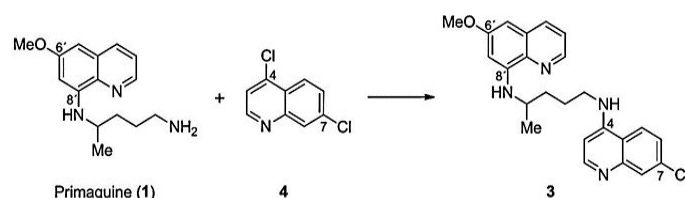
It is a well-tolerated 4-aminoquinoline antimalarial drug that is active against blood schizonts and has been used as a standard therapy for decades. Because of widespread resistance, the effectiveness of Chloroquine has been gradually declining since the early 1990s. At the same time, the official malaria treatment policy was altered to a two-drug combination therapy. There is some evidence, however, that the removal of Chloroquine from the market led in a fall of



**Figure 1:** The gametocytes finally produced inside the human body are taken up by female Anopheles mosquito while sucking the blood of the person, and then the sexual phase of growth of the malarial parasite occurs within its body.



**Figure 2:** Design of the target hybrid 3: the concept of a “Siamese primaquine–chloroquine twin” jointed by the side chain of primaquine 2a) A and D indicate synthetic routes toward hybrid 3 by the coupling of the terminal amino function of the side chain to the core moiety of either primaquine or chloroquine. Reductive amination B or nucleophilic substitution C will connect the primaquine or chloroquine core to the side chain of the other pharmacophore.

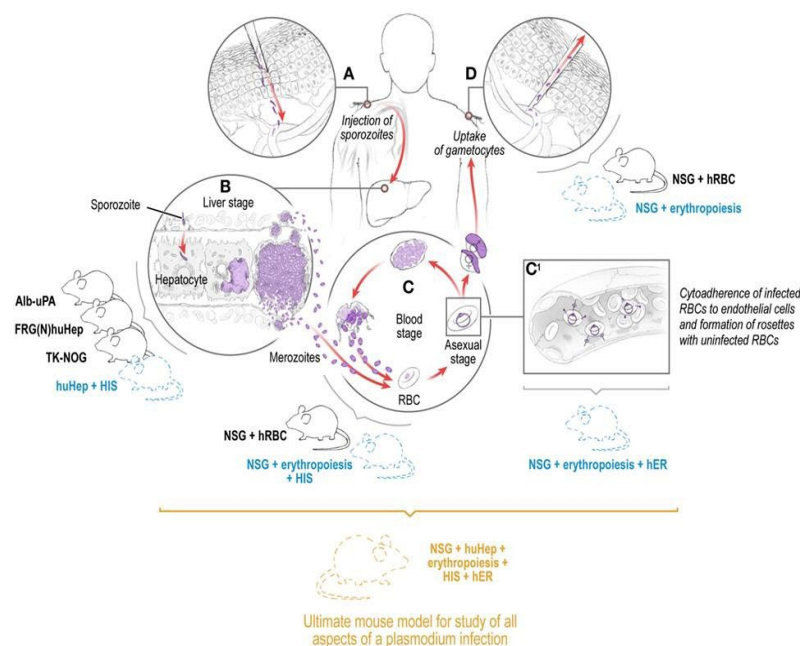


**Figure 3:** Synthesis of the “Siamese-twin hybrid” molecule 3 according to the route D. Reagents and conditions: neat, 120 °C (82%).

Chloroquine resistant Plasmodium species due to their reduced fitness relative to wild-type parasites. These findings point to the possibility of reintroducing Chloroquine (2) into malarial combination medication therapy [8].

Due to their potential side effects, two additional antimalarial medicines – 8-aminoquinolines pamaquine and primaquine (1) – have been overlooked in recent years. Methemoglobinemia and haemolytic anaemia in patients with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency. This is unfortunate because primaquine, an 8- aminoquinoline, is effective against liver-stage schizonts and is the only drug that kills hypnozoites. The conjugate’s increased lipophilicity relative to that of its parent chemicals was predicted to ensure appropriate membrane permeability. Furthermore, the planned hybrid structure contained nucleophilic nitrogen, which was critical for protonation and accumulation of the molecule in digesting vacuoles. Furthermore, we expected structure 3 to be a non-substrate for the *P. falciparum* Chloroquine-Resistant Transporter (PfCRT), which is responsible for Plasmodium’s decreased sensitivity to chloroquine-like chemicals. These considerations backed up our theory that hybrid 3 could be a promising therapeutic candidate [9, 10]. The freshly synthesised hybrid 3 was put to the test. In vitro assays and in vivo tests in rats were used to determine its activity against all stages of Plasmodium in the mammalian host. Both in vitro and in vivo, the chemical displayed considerable inhibitory effects against Plasmodium liver and blood-stage parasites (Figure 4)

Infection is initiated when a female Anopheles mosquito injects saliva-containing sporozoites into the skin. Sporozoites traverse dermal cells and gain access to the blood. The highly motile sporozoites transit to the liver where each sporozoite infects a single hepatocyte. One



**Figure 4:** Depiction of the Plasmodium life cycle in humans showing the skin, liver, and blood stages with the corresponding existing (solid lines) and future (dashed lines) humanized mouse systems to model each of the individual stages and eventually the full Plasmodium life cycle including pathology and transmission.

to two weeks after hepatocyte invasion, merozoites exit the liver and begin a 48-h cycle of Red Blood Cell (RBC) invasion, replication, RBC rupture, and new merozoite release. During RBC infection, the parasite expresses variant surface antigens on the surface of the infected red blood cell, which interacts with Human Endothelial Receptors (HER), thus mediating the binding of infected RBCs to the microvascular endothelium of various organs. A small number of blood-stage parasites differentiate into sexual gametocytes, which are taken up by mosquitoes in blood meals to continue the transmission to new human hosts [11, 12].

### Assays for parasite inhibition in vitro

10,000 isolated salivary gland sporozoites were treated with the hybrid 3 for 15 minutes at 4°C before being transferred to albumin-coated eight-well slides for the gliding-motility experiment. Sporozoites were allowed to glide for 15 minutes at 37°C before being fixed for 10 minutes with 4% paraformaldehyde (AppliChem). The slides were then cleaned in PBS/1 percent FCS before being blocked in PBS/10 percent FCS for 15 minutes at 37 degrees Celsius. Monoclonal anti *P. berghei* CSP antibody was used to visualise sporozoites. anti-mouse (Invitrogen). The wells were mounted in PBS with 10% glycerol and embedded in nail polish. Experiments were carried out in triplicate, with each well containing 100 sporozoites. The unpaired student's t-test was used to determine statistical significance. Sporozoite invasion experiments were carried out using a modified approach previously reported. 30,000 sporozoites, in a nutshell were pre-incubated with the hybrid compound 3 for 15 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius before being transferred to confluent human hepatoma HuH7 cells for 90 minutes at 37 degrees Celsius in the presence of the compound [13]. Cells were washed, fixed, and sporozoites were stained with double-staining to distinguish extracellular from intracellular sporozoites after incubation with sporozoites. Experiments were carried out in triplicate, with each well containing 100 sporozoites. An unpaired student's t-test was used to determine statistical significance. As previously stated, exoerythrocytic stages were developed in a typical experimental method.

8-well chamber slides (Nunc) were plated with 3 × 10<sup>4</sup> HuH7 cells and grown to confluency at 37°C one day before sporozoite infection. Purified sporozoites suspended in complete medium were placed in the chambers and allowed to invade for a period of time. 90 minutes. The medium was replenished, and 1 M-10 nM of compound 3 was added. After that, medium was replenished on a daily basis [14]. Parasites were frozen, permeabilized, and stained by immune fluorescence antibody staining using hybridoma culture supernatant anti-HSP70 antibody after 24 or 48 hours of liver stage development, as described previously. For the strains K1 and K2, activity against *P. falciparum* blood stages was shown. The K1 strain of *P. falciparum* was used to test anti-plasmodial activities (resistant to chloroquine and pyrimethamine). The assay was modified from the [3 H]-hypoxanthine incorporation assay. Infected human red blood cells were subjected to serial drug dilutions in microtiter plates in RPMI 1640 media with 5% Albumax II [15]. After a 48-hour incubation period at 37°C in a low-oxygen environment, 0.5 Ci [3 H]-hypoxanthine was added to each sample. After another 24 hours of incubation, the cultures were harvested onto glass-fiber filters and rinsed with distilled water. A Beta plate TM liquid scintillation counter was used to count the radioactivity. The results were represented as a percentage of the untreated controls and were recorded as Counts Per Minute (CPM) per well at each medication concentration. The IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using the sigmoidal inhibition curves. The averages of four data from two independent experiments carried out in duplicate are used to calculate IC<sub>50</sub> values. Malstat reported activity against blood stages for the strains 3D7 and Dd2. Assay The assay was used to determine the viability of the parasite. *P. falciparum* 3D7 or Dd2 synchronized ring stages were plated at 1% parasitemia and 5% parasitemia in RPMI 1640 medium with Albumax II. (5 g/L) on microtiter plates with 96 wells. The hybrid molecule was dissolved in a final concentration of 0.5 percent DMSO and added in serial dilutions (640 pM-50 M) [16]. The plate was incubated for 72 hours at 37 degrees Celsius in a humidified, airtight incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> and 5% O<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub>. In a 96-well microtiter plate, parasites were cultured in vitro for 72 hours, resuspended, and aliquots of 20 L were



taken and added to 100 L of Malstat reagent. A 20 L mixture of NBT (Nitro Blue Tetrazolium)/Diaphorase (1:1; 1 mg/mL stock each) was added to the Malstat reaction to determine PLDH activity. Optical densities were measured in an ELISA reader at 630 nm after the plates were agitated for 30 minutes at room temperature [17]. The tests were carried out in threes. A negative control of 0.5 percent aqueous DMSO was employed, as well as dilution series of chloroquine (2) and primaquine (1) as further controls. The IC<sub>50</sub> values were derived from variable-slope sigmoidal dose-response curves using the Graph Pad Prism programme version 4 after each chemical was tested 2–3 times. For each chemical, the average IC<sub>50</sub> value was computed (Table 1).

### Microsomes: Determination of the hybrid's metabolic stability in rat liver

The hybrid 3's phase I metabolism was examined using cytochrome-P450 dependent monooxygenase. Microsomes were extracted from untreated female Sprague Dawley rats and male rats treated for three days with corn oil, beta-Naphthoflavone (bNF; 100 mol/kg/days), Phenobarbital (PB; 400 mol/kg/days), or both bNF + PB. The day after the last treatment, the animals were slaughtered and microsomes were prepared: the liver was homogenised in 0.25 M sucrose with 0.1 mM EDTA (pH 7.4) and centrifuged for 20 minutes at 10,000 g followed by 1 hour at 100,000 g. All of the steps were completed on ice. Microsomes were prepared and kept at 80 degrees Celsius until needed. Incubation methods for microsomal incubations in their entirety (final volume 1000 L) As a NADPH-generating system, the hybrid 3 (100 M), rat liver microsomal protein (1 mg/mL), 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH7.4), and -nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH, 1 mM) were added. Isocitrate (10 mM), isocitrate dehydrogenase (0.05 U), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (4 mM), and NADP (1 mM) were used to make the NADPH-generating system, which was pre-incubated for 5 minutes at 37 C before being added to the incubation system. For 15, 30, 60, and 90 minutes, the entire incubation system was incubated. After the incubation period, 8-hydroxyquinoline was added for quantification purposes, the reaction was stopped immediately, and 500 L ethyl acetate was extracted. The residues were diluted in 50 percent methanol/water (v/v) and submitted to ion pair HPLC with UV detection after the solvent had evaporated (255 nm). Incubations in the control group were carried out under the same conditions as the experimental group. Heat-deactivated microsomes were subjected to the same circumstances. A reversed phase column (Symmetry C18, 3.9 mm 150 mm, 5 m; Waters) was used for HPLC analysis. Mobile phase A: methanol/water (1:10, v/v) with added phosphoric acid (0.01 mM) and hexanesulfonate (5 mM); B: methanol; linear gradient: 100% A to 100% B in 30 minutes at 0.65 mL/min injection volume 10 L The metabolism of the hybrid 3 was quantitatively described as relative peak areas (peak area hybrid/peak area internal standard) [18, 19].

### Antimalarial medication development status and new developments

Malaria remains a severe hazard in developing countries, with more than 1 million clinical episodes and 3000 deaths per day. Malaria killed

between 150 and 300 million people in the last century, accounting for 2–5% of all deaths. Approximately 40% of the world's population currently lives in malaria-infected areas. Young children and pregnant women get the most severe symptoms of the condition. Despite the fact that malaria is native to most tropical locations, Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 90 percent of disease-related death. Antimalarial medications are the only therapy option because an approved vaccine for malaria has yet to be developed. Despite the fact that Chloroquine was the first antimalarial drug to be synthesized, for more than 30 years, Chloroquine has been a near-magical cure, but the advent and spread of Chloroquine resistant parasites has rendered it virtually worthless in most parts of the world [20]. Artemisinin, a plant derived antimalarial, is now the only medicine available that is effective against the parasite internationally. Despite the fact that various new medications have been launched in the last 30 years, widespread or isolated examples of resistance suggest that their efficacy will be limited. As a result, novel treatments and regimens for malaria control are urgently needed. This paper provides a review of current antimalarial treatment choices as well as current efforts to create new medications based on both recent technology developments and adjustments to existing treatments, as well as combination therapies. The majorities of antimalarial medications have been discovered and developed using traditional drug discovery techniques, while drug design based on pathogen and host genomic and proteomic data is still in its early stages. The parasite food vacuole, apicoplast, and mitochondrion have been identified as the key organelles for therapeutic targeting based on their significance in parasite development and survival [21, 22]. Several components of the metabolic process are also being studied as therapeutic targets. Some of the medications already in use or in research have clear mechanisms of action; however, the exact modes of action of many pharmaceuticals have yet to be determined. It will be feasible to build target specific medications with improved safety and efficacy using genome and proteome information. Chloroquine, a four-aminoquinoline, was first synthesised chemically in 1934 as a quinine alternative. Chloroquine is deposited specifically in the parasite's feeding vacuole, where it works as an antimalarial by blocking the polymerization of the harmful haem. The parasite produces histidine-rich protein 2, which catalyses the conversion of haem into the non-toxic and insoluble haemozoin [7, 8]. Resistance to chloroquine in *P. falciparum* is linked to changes in a feeding vacuole transport protein rather than a shift in haem processing [9]. Chloroquine-resistant parasites emerged from four unique founder events that happened in various geographic areas, according to a genome-wide microsatellite analysis. Chloroquine resistance became widespread as a result of this spread [10]. Chloroquine resistance appears to be independent of changes in this locus in *P. vivax* [11]. When the newly formed World Health Organization (WHO) declared war on malaria and dedicated to its universal eradication in the early 1950s, Chloroquine rose to prominence.

Primaquine, an 8-aminoquinolone, is highly effective against hypnozoites, a dormant type of *P. vivax* liverstage parasites. Its one-of-a-kind characteristic makes it appropriate for treating *P. vivax* infections alone or in conjunction with other antimalarials.

**Table 1:** Oocyst number of *P. gallinaceum* in *Ae. fluviatilis*. Mosquitoes were allowed to blood feed on chickens before and after treatment with compound 20 and PQ.

Assay	% Parasitemia (Gametocythemia)	Oocyst Number (Mean± SD)	% Mosquitoes Infection	Compounds (Dose)	Oocyst Number (Mean± SD)	% Inhibition Mosquitoes Infection	% Oocyst Reduction
1	10.3 (42%)	256±180	95	20(50mg/kg)	64 ± 64	5	81.3
	7.3 (49%)	137± 100	90	20(25mg/kg)	142±118	10	0
	7.0% (45%)	117 ± 72	90	PQ(15mg/kg)	0 ± 0	15	100

Primaquine is effective against the parasite's sexual stages and has been used successfully to eradicate malaria from the Vanuatu archipelago in the southwest Pacific [37]. In clinical trials in Indonesia, Colombia, and Papua New Guinea, primaquine was found to be exceedingly effective. Soldiers on jungle patrol in Colombia were given primaquine every day for 17 weeks in field studies. When compared to a placebo, daily dosage of primaquine was 94 percent effective [38]. It is 85% efficient against *P. falciparum* and 85% effective against *P. vivax*. Methaemoglobinemia and haemolysis in Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (G6PD)-deficient people are two serious possible side effects of primaquine treatment. Minor gastrointestinal effects, such as stomach ache, are also linked to primaquine use, however these are normally minimised when the medicine is taken with food. In a recent field experiment, 2% of participants were unable to tolerate daily primaquine usage [39].

In malaria-endemic areas, multidrug-resistant parasites have become a serious treatment issue for healthcare providers. The development of drug resistance is the expected selective response of a microorganism to life-threatening situations, in broad evolutionary terms. As a result, parasite resistance to all currently available antimalarial drugs is almost certain to emerge in the near future. In the field of antibacterial medications, cases of *Staphylococcus* resistant to vancomycin, the most powerful antibiotic, have begun to show up in emergency rooms across the United States. New medications will be needed to replace those that have lost their effectiveness as long as malaria remains a worldwide health problem [23, 24]. The bulk of currently available antimalarial medications have their origins in herbal remedies used by traditional healers. With the entire genomic sequence of the parasite, its host (human), and vector (*Anopheles*), new targets could be developed utilising rational drug design and other emerging technologies in the near future. Genome and proteome data, for example, have been crucial in the discovery of new diseases. Several parasite proteins are essential for the plastid to function properly. The identification of the type II fatty acid synthesis pathway in *Plasmodium*, as well as other plastid-related processes that differ significantly from their human counterparts, has opened up a new set of targets. The plastid's prokaryotic origin will also serve as a predictor of which bacterial inhibitors might be effective antimalarial. The majority of the current targets were previously targeted for other human diseases. There is already a substantial body of scientific data and libraries of chemicals that can be used to combat these targets. A structural genomics project is presently ongoing with the goal of identifying the structure of prospective therapeutic targets in a large number of protozoan species. When these elements are joined, they form a synergy [25, 26]. Two lines of investigation will provide a strong impetus for the discovery of compounds with potent antimalarial activity. However, because similar targets are encoded in the human genome, developers of these compounds must ensure that the inhibitors have a high degree of selectivity towards the parasite enzyme. This is particularly important in the case of malaria, as more than 90% of malaria deaths occur in children under the age of five, an age group in which safety is vital. Malaria also affects some of the world's poorest countries, where healthcare services similar to those seen in the Western world do not exist. Any antimalarial medicine developed in this situation would need to have a brief curative regimen, be effective with single-daily dose, and be cost-effective. affordably priced The majority of antimalarial drugs work by reducing or eliminating asexual erythrocytic-stage parasites in the infected host; however, none of these drugs are designed to treat the pathogenesis of severe malaria and cerebral malaria, which are responsible for the majority of malaria-related deaths in African children. An antimalarial medication that selectively targets malaria

pathogenesis without requiring total parasite eradication could drastically reduce fatalities in young children while also addressing the problem of antimalarial treatments losing or losing efficacy [27, 28]. In the absence of a viable malaria vaccine, new medications that are effective against all stages of malaria parasites, including gametocytes, will be required to eradicate the disease completely. A case of malaria. Through effective public-private collaborations, several for-profit and non-profit organizations are spearheading efforts to alleviate the burden of this devastating disease in endemic nations by discovering, producing, and providing novel inexpensive antimalarial medications. The MMV, a public and private collaboration that is now supporting research for the development of roughly two dozen novel chemicals for malaria therapy, is leading the charge in this area. These efforts are crucial in keeping the pipeline of antimalarial drugs alive. Resistance to PQ (primaquine) and CQ (chloroquine) in *P. falciparum*. The research looked into more than just PQ. However, there are various equivalents. 8-amino-2-methylquinoline compound 1's derivatives of 8-amino-2-methylquinoline comprising the amino-alkyl side chain of PQ [compound-2] and carboxy-primaquine [CPQ], which is a key metabolite of PQ. PQ and compound 2 had weak effect against blood stages parasites, as expected, whereas analogues with no amino-alkyl side chain [compound 1 and CPQ] had no detectable activity at all. TQ also demonstrated only sporadic activity against parasites that live inside erythrocytes. Compound 2 lowered the IC-50 of CQ in the CQ-resistant K1 parasite strain from 390 nM to 40 nM at sub-inhibitory concentrations, almost identical to the CQ-sensitive D10 strain. [39 nM] PQ and TQ, compound 2, were studied in depth, and it was discovered that all three compounds had a substantial synergistic interaction with CQ in the resistant K1 strain, but have no influence on the IC-50 of the CQ-sensitive D10 strain [30].

The resistance reversing effect of PQ appears to be connected to its ability to induce CQ accumulation in parasites expressing a CQ-resistant of the *pfcr* gene. Analogues missing the amino-alkyl side chain of PQ showed no resistance reversing activity. FV [FOOD VACCULE] membrane protein *Plasmodium falciparum* Chloroquine Resistances Transporter [PFCRT] is encoded by this gene. The effect of PQ and CQ accumulation in CQ-resistant parasites is caused by changes in *pfcr*, which was used to transfect a CQ-sensitive parasite strain with a CQ-resistant *pfcr* obtained from the Dd2 strain. The presence of the mutant PFCRT Protein is the only difference between the parasites and the sensitive strain. When compared to the identical parasite strain trans-infected with its own CQ-sensitive *pfcr*, these parasites accumulated about a fourth of the CQ. In C3Dd12, PQ was found to entirely restore CQ accumulation in a dose-dependent manner, but CQ accumulation was unaffected in C2GC03. PQ was found to be even more effective than the well-known CQ-resistance reverse [verapamil] at recovering CQ accumulation in C3Dd2 [31, 32].

*P. falciparum* parasites, for example, appeared to be responsive to quinine in vitro sites of the ICEMRS will be used to track the emergence and spread of resistance. *Vivax* malaria is also endemic in several ICEMRS, and EX vivo drug tests for *P. vivax* are available are also being carried out, but the assays are hampered by the challenges of *P. vivax* culture and the recognition that certain drug assays [CHLOROQUINE] necessitate a high proportion of parasites in the ring stages and a high parasitemia.

### Hope for new antimalarial medications stems from the discovery of novel antimalarial drug targets

Malaria is a severe global danger that claims the lives of over 2

million people every year. Due to the growth of drug-resistant parasites, the lack of a viable vaccine, and the expansion of insecticide resistant vectors, treating malaria is becoming increasingly challenging. As a result, new chemotherapeutic techniques are required for malaria treatment, necessitating the search for new drug targets. Different ways to identifying novel antimalarial drug targets are discussed here. In order to generate fresh, rationally designed lead compounds, we have also paid close attention to the existing proven targets. Some of the most significant parasite proteins have been proposed as targets; however, more in vitro or in vivo structure and function investigations of these proteins are required to confirm their suitability as targets [33]. The investigation of the interactome between the apicoplast, mitochondrion, and genomic DNA will be valuable in finding key pathways or proteins that regulate critical pathways for parasite growth and survival, and could be attractive targets. Molecules involved in parasite invasion of host erythrocytes, as well as infected erythrocyte ion channels, which are required for parasite intra-erythrocyte survival and stage progression, are becoming more appealing targets. This review will go through the present state of knowledge on prospective antimalarial drug targets that could be used to build new pathways or proteins influencing critical processes for parasite development and survival, apicoplast and mitochondrion analyses could be promising targets. Molecules involved in parasite invasion of host erythrocytes, as well as infected erythrocyte ion channels, which are required for parasite intra-erythrocyte survival and stage progression, are becoming more appealing targets. This review will go through the present state of knowledge on prospective antimalarial drug targets that could be used to build new antimalarial [34, 35].

### Treatment with 8-aminoquinoline

Primaquine is the most widely used drug in this class for primary (causal) and terminal (post-exposure) malaria prophylaxis, radical cure of *Plasmodium vivax* and *Plasmodium ovale* (elimination of hypnozoites, the parasites' dormant liver forms), and as a single-dose gametocytocidal agent in *Plasmodium falciparum* infections [118]. Tafenoquine was discovered in 1978 [119], but it has taken a long time to reach the clinic, and it is currently in phase 3 clinical studies. Although its PK properties differ from those of Primaquine, if authorised, it is expected to have similar clinical indications. In its main role in terminal prophylaxis and radical treatment, Primaquine is usually given as a 14-day course. This regimen has a number of drawbacks, including hemolysis in individuals with Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency, dose-related gastrointestinal side effects, and so on. Methemoglobinemia is a risk, and because of its complexity, it has a low compliance rate [120]. Pretreatment screening for G6PD deficiency, drug administration with food, and monitoring for cyanosis and respiratory symptoms are all measures that can be used to reduce adverse effects, all of which are more likely if G6PD-normal patients are given abbreviated high-dose regimens to improve compliance [121]. PK/PD investigations of different short-course regimens should be investigated, especially when models based on known single-dose PK data show that they should be safe, because toxicity may be depending on characteristics such as age and race/ethnicity [122]. Because intermediate and poor metabolizers have more relapses, the efficacy of Primaquine against liver forms of *P. vivax* may be connected to the activity of the CYP2D6 enzyme [123]. Models based on known single-dose PK data show that they should be safe, because toxicity may be depending on characteristics such as age and race/ethnicity. Furthermore, Lumefantrine is a recognised 2D6 inhibitor, coadministration of the ACT artemether lumefantrine and Primaquine may reduce the Primaquine component's efficacy.

PK/PD investigations are needed to investigate these interactions in greater depth, especially since the formation of temporary active phenolic metabolites may kill hypnozoites while potentially promoting toxicity [124]. Primaquine might thus be a pro-drug that needs to be broken down in the body before it can be used. The inclusion of a 5-(3-trifluoromethyl)-phenoxy group in tafenoquine, but not Primaquine, is thought to be the explanation for Tafenoquine's longer elimination t<sub>1/2</sub> (14 days vs. 4–6 h) and reduced proclivity for methemoglobinemia [119]. A single 300 mg dose regimen, based on PK/PD and efficacy data from studies of a variety of dose regimens given in combination with CQ, appears to be the most effective. A standard 14 days course of Primaquine 15 mg/day appears to be at least as effective in avoiding *P. vivax* relapses as a mg Tafenoquine dosage, with a similar frequency of side effects [125,126]. There is growing evidence that, like primaquine, CYP2D enzyme system function is required for antimalarial action [127]. Concerns about Tafenoquine's renal and ocular damage appear to be unfounded [128]. Although data from ongoing phase 3 trials could provide further information. In conclusion, 8-aminoquinoline medicines play an important role in the treatment and control of malaria. The use of PK/PD has helped with Tafenoquine dose optimization, but further research is needed to investigate the interactions between the two medicines in this class's metabolism, efficacy, and toxicity. The protracted process of elimination because prolonged and severe hemolysis can occur in G6PD-deficient people who are accidentally treated with this medicine, t<sub>1/2</sub> of Tafenoquine has implications for the necessity of effective G6PD screening. The feasibility and cost-effectiveness of using CYP2D6 metabolizer status as a predictor of parasitological response and adverse effects is unknown at this time, but it could be the topic of future research.

### Novel antimalarial medications

The threat of Artemisinin resistance has heightened the urgency to discover novel antimalarial treatments that are both efficacious and well tolerated [129]. The spiroindolone class is arguably the most clinically relevant. These medications stop parasites from making proteins [130]. A potential drug resistance mutation has also been postulated as a specific molecular target for the spiroindolones in the gene encoding the P-type Cationtransporter ATPase4 (PfATP4). The medications may disrupt wild-type PfATP4, causing major rheological changes in parasitized erythrocytes, which are subsequently quickly removed by the reticulo-endothelial system [131]. The spiroindolone cipargamin has advanced from dose-finding and safety research to human malaria testing. A 3-day regimen of 30 minutes each day was developed based on volunteer data [132] and allometric scaling from animal research. A PK and early effectiveness investigation of initial parasite clearance in small groups of individuals with falciparum or vivax malaria was conducted at a dose of mg/day [133]. The parasite clearance was rapid, with a t<sub>1/2</sub> of 21 hours, justifying daily dosage. Hepatic dysfunction, which occurred in 14 percent of malaria patients in the two human investigations [133], was a possible safety signal that needs to be investigated in larger-scale comparative trials. The history of antimalarial treatment over the last 60 years or so, during which the therapeutic armamentarium has been gradually depleted due to parasite drug resistance, provides compelling evidence for using quantitative pharmacology tools in the development or validation of dose regimens. Recent advancements in sample schedules, assay technology, and PK/PD modeling have resulted in more evidence-based treatments, particularly for higher risk groups including children and pregnant women. PK/PD investigations may become part of routine monitoring of efficacy in phase 4 rather than merely at



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## A five-year perspective

Given recent advancements in sample, assay, and population modelling technology, the possibility of more convenient, less expensive, and collaborative PK/PD investigations is real. This should lead to the creation of more sensible antimalarial treatment regimens adapted to the clinical setting, such as for the very young, pregnant women, and those with coexisting diseases like HIV [55, 56]. Although conventional Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM) with immediate clinical application is problematic in resource-constrained environments, DBS sampling and a rapid turnover LC-MS/MS assay in a central facility, along with current information technology, can help. Technology has the potential to improve the everyday management of individual patients in remote locations while also providing a rich source of pharmacoepidemiological data. When frequent TDM is not practicable due to cost or logistical constraints, this technique could be utilised to see if sub therapeutic drug concentrations are to blame for clinical treatment failures that occur from time to time or when drug quality is in question. In order to maximize mutual protection against parasite resistance, researchers should evaluate the tolerance, efficacy, and toxicity of new combinations of existing medications, such as employing more than two drugs together or more frequent dosage throughout the same treatment period [57, 58]. This could apply to antimalarial medications that have been on the shelf for a while due to prior resistance but are now being used again. Parasite sensitivity has reappeared, according to in vitro and other evidence (Table 2).

## Plan of Work

Antimalaria medications are used to treat and prevent malaria infection. The majority of antimalaria treatments target the erythrocytic phases of malaria infection, which is the stage of infection that causes symptoms. The fundamental goal of treatment is to remove the disease-causing parasites from a patient's bloodstream as quickly as possible, in order to prevent an uncomplicated case of malaria from progressing to severe disease or death. Antimalaria drugs function by destroying malaria parasites in their early stages of development in the liver and red blood cells. The life cycle of malaria parasites is the goal of this project.

- Antimalaria medications now in use
- Chloroquine-resistant and multidrug-resistant malaria
- Recent breakthroughs in antimalaria drug therapy – Analogs of existing agents, Natural products, Compounds Used in combination therapies involved in the fight against different diseases , Active compounds against newer targets (Table 3, 4, 5).

## Drug Profile

1. Synonyms: Chloraquine, Chlorochin, Chloroquina, Chloroquine, Chloroquinium Chloroquinum, Cloroquina
2. Summary: Chloroquine is an antimalarial drug used to treat

**Table 2:** Antimalarial activity of synthetic compounds in mice infected with *P. berghei* treated with daily doses of 25 mg/kg body weight for three consecutive days.

Assay	Compound	% Reduction (Mean Parasitemia $\pm$ SD)*		Survival (Mean $\pm$ SD)
1	Non treated CQ**	5th	7th	
	6	4.6 $\pm$ 2	31 $\pm$ 6.4	13 $\pm$ 3
		99% (0.1 $\pm$ 0)	99% (0.4 $\pm$ 0.4)	22 $\pm$ 6
	8	0% (4.9 $\pm$ 1.7)	11% (27.2 $\pm$ 6.8)	16 $\pm$ 3
		0% (5 $\pm$ 1.7 )	2% (30 $\pm$ 16.2)	20 $\pm$ 7



**Table 3:** Antiplasmodial activity of the hybrid compound 3 on the asexual blood stages of three *P. falciparum* strains. Infected human red blood cells were incubated with serial compound dilutions for a total exposure time of 72 h. Endpoint reading was done by Malstat (3D7 and Dd2) or by incorporation of titrated hypoxanthine (K1).

Compound	IC50(M)		
	3D7	Dd2	K1
1	3.11 ± 1.536	1.12 ± 0.351	46 ± 0.08
2	0.03 ± 0.002	0.26 ± 0.126	146 ± 0.02
Hybride 3	0.64 ± 0.046	58 ± 0.185	0.08 ± 0.0048
1 and 2	0.03 ± 0.012	0.19 ± 0.035	0.169 ± 0.055

**Table 4:** Gametocytogenesis inhibition assay in *P. falciparum*, *P. falciparum* NF54 gametocytes were incubated with hybrid 3 for 48 h. After 7 days of compound-free cultivation gametocytemia (gametocytes stages IV and V) was determined on Giemsa-stained blood films. 0.5% aqueous DMSO served as negative control and a dilution series (640 pM–50 M) of chloroquine (2) and primaquine (1) as additional controls were used. The hybrid compound 3 was added in a serial dilution of 640 pM–50 M dissolved in 0.5% aqueous DMSO.

Compound	Relative gametocytemia (%)
1	0.2* ± 0.05
2	0.9 ± 0.07
Hybrid	3 0.7* ± 0.04
DMSO control	1.0 ± 0.19

**Table 5A:** Conditions of spectrophotometric methods used for the determination of CQ in pharmaceutical formulations and biological fluids.

Analyte	Experimental conditions	Results	Application
CQ	Method A: direct spectrofluorimetric in tablets in 0.05 M H2SO4 and method B involves prior extraction of CQ base in chloroform	Linearity: 1–10 lg/mL in 0.05 M H2SO4 with a LOD: 0.77 lg/mL	Tablets
CQ and pyrimethamine	Ion-pair formation with molybdenum and thiocyanate followed by its extraction with methylene chloride	Linearity for CQ and pyrimethamine: 2.0–42 and 2.0–43.0 lg/mL, respectively. The Sandell sensitivity for CQ and pyrimethamine: 0.027 and 0.042 lg/cm	Drug
Amodiaquine (AQ) and CQ (CQ)	Spectrophotometric methods based on their oxidation with potassium iodate and potassium bromate, respectively. The initial rates of oxidation of AQ and CQ were monitored at 342 and 343 nm, the wavelengths of maximum absorptions of the two drugs.	Beer's law: 0.2–4.0 and 0.5–5.0 lg cm <sup>3</sup> , LOD: 0.04 and 0.06 lg cm <sup>3</sup> for AQ and CQ.	Pure and dosage forms.
Primaquine and CQ	Spectrophotometry method for in liposome dosage form. A phosphate buffer solution pH 7.4, wavelengths of 220 and 260 nm for simultaneous equations method	Linearity: 2–10 mg/L.	Liposome dosage
CQ	Three field-adapted methods: two of the methods based on ion-pair formation between CQ and methyl orange in either dichloromethane or chloroform. Absorbance values measured at 420 nm	Linearity: 100 lmol/L (32 lg/mL) for both methods. LOD: 0.3 lg/mL modification I. LOD: 1 lg/mL modification II.	Urine
CQ	Spectrophotometric method based on the different spectral characteristics in alkaline medium (0.1 M sodium hydroxide) and acid medium (0.1M hydrochloric acid), difference in absorptivity (DA) is directly related to concentration. Two wave lengths are selected one at 285 nm (positive peak) and another.	Beer's law: 50–250 lg/ML.	Bulk and tablet dosage form.
CQ	Colorimetric assay for field estimation extraction with chloroform, complexation with methyl orange.	-	Tablet dosage forms and biological fluids

**Table 5B:** Mechanism of Action.

Targets	Actions	Organism
AF <sub>2</sub> (II)-protoporphyrin IX	Antagonist	Plasmodium falciparum
UKeratin, type II cytoskeletal 7	other/unknown	Human
URibosylidihydronicotinamiddehydrogenase [quinone]	Inhibitor	Human

susceptible infections with *P. vivax*, *P. malariae*, *P. ovale*, and *P. falciparum*. It is also used for second line treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.

3. Generic Name- Chloroquine

4. Drug Bank Accession Number-DB00608

5. Background: Chloroquine is an aminoquinoline derivative first developed in the 1940s for the treatment of malaria.

The drug of choice to treat malaria until the development of newer

antimalarials such as Pyrimethamine, Artemisinin, and Mefloquine. Chloroquine and its derivative hydroxychloroquine have since been repurposed for the treatment of a number of other conditions including HIV, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis. The FDA emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine in the treatment of COVID-19 was revoked on 15 June 2020.21 Chloroquine was granted FDA Approval on 31 October 1949.20

6. Type-Small Molecule

7. Groups-Approved, Investigational, Vet approved

8. Weight Average: 319.872 8. Monoisotopic: 319.181525554 9. Chemical Formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub> [59, 60].

## Pharmacology

### Indication:

Chloroquine is indicated to treat infections of *P. vivax*, *P. malariae*, *P. ovale*, and susceptible strains of *P. falciparum*.<sup>19</sup> It is also used to treat extraintestinal amebiasis.<sup>19</sup> Chloroquine is also used off label for the treatment of rheumatic diseases,<sup>4</sup> as well as treatment and prophylaxis of Zika virus.<sup>1,2</sup> Chloroquine is currently undergoing clinical trials for the treatment of COVID-19.<sup>3</sup>

### Associated Conditions:

Discoid Lupus Erythematosus (DLE)

Extraintestinal Amebiasis

Plasmodium Infections

Polymorphic Light Eruption (PLE)

Porphyria Cutanea Tarda

Rheumatoid Arthritis

Sarcoidosis

Acute, uncomplicated Malaria

### Contraindications & Blackbox Warnings:

Avoid life-threatening adverse drug events Improve clinical decision support with information on contraindications & black box warnings, population restrictions, harmful risks, & more.

### Pharmacodynamics:

Chloroquine inhibits the action of heme polymerase, which causes the buildup of toxic heme in Plasmodium species [11]. It has a long duration of action as the half life is 20-60 days.<sup>10</sup> Patients should be counselled regarding the risk of retinopathy with long term usage or high dosage, muscle weakness, and toxicity in children [19].

### Mechanism of action:

Chloroquine inhibits the action of heme polymerase in malarial trophozoites, preventing the conversion of heme to hemazoin [11, 15, 16]. Plasmodium species continue to accumulate toxic heme, killing the parasite [11]. Chloroquine passively diffuses through cell membranes and into endosomes, lysosomes, and Golgi vesicles; where it becomes protonated, trapping the Chloroquine in the organelle and raising the surrounding pH [10, 13]. The raised pH in endosomes, prevent virus particles from utilizing their activity for fusion and entry into the cell [14]. Chloroquine does not affect the level of ACE2 expression on cell surfaces, but inhibits terminal glycosylation of ACE2, the receptor that SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 target for cell entry [13, 14]. ACE2 that is not in the glycosylated state may less efficiently interact with the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, further inhibiting viral entry [14].

### Absorption:

Chloroquine oral solution has a bioavailability of 52-102% and oral tablets have a bioavailability of 67-114%.<sup>10</sup> Intravenous chloroquine reaches a C<sub>max</sub> of 650-1300µg/L and oral Chloroquine reaches a C<sub>max</sub> of 65-128µg/L with a T<sub>max</sub> of 0.5h.<sup>10</sup>

### Volume of distribution:

The volume of distribution of Chloroquine is 200-800L/kg.<sup>10</sup>

### Protein binding:

Chloroquine is 46-74% bound to plasma proteins.<sup>9</sup> (-)-chloroquine binds more strongly to alpha-1-acid glycoprotein and (+)-chloroquine binds more strongly to serum albumin.<sup>8</sup>

### Metabolism:

Chloroquine is N-dealkylated primarily by CYP2C8 and CYP3A4 to N-desethylchloroquine.<sup>5,6,7,10</sup> It is N-dealkylated to a lesser extent by CYP3A5, CYP2D6, and to an ever lesser extent by CYP1A1.<sup>5,6,7,10</sup> N-desethylchloroquine can be further N-dealkylated to N-bidesethylchloroquine, which is further N-dealkylated to 7-chloro-4-aminoquinoline.<sup>10</sup>

## How over products below to view reaction partners

### 1. Chloroquine:

(R)-chloroquine, N-desethyl

N-bidesethylchloroquine

7-chloro-4-aminoquinoline

### Route of elimination:

Chloroquine is predominantly eliminated in the urine [10] 50% of a dose is recovered in the urine as unchanged Chloroquine, with 10% of the dose recovered in the urine as desethylchloroquine [10].

Half-life: The half life of chloroquine is 20-60 days [10]

### Clearance:

Chloroquine has a total plasma clearance of 0.35-1L/h/kg [10]

### Adverse Effects:

Improve decision support & research outcomes with structured adverse effects data, including: black box warnings, adverse reactions, warning & precautions, & incidence rates.

### Toxicity:

Patients experiencing an overdose may present with headache, drowsiness, visual disturbances, nausea, vomiting, cardiovascular collapse, shock, convulsions, respiratory arrest, cardiac arrest, and hypokalemia.<sup>19</sup> Overdose should be managed with symptomatic and supportive treatment which may include prompt emesis, gastric lavage, and activated charcoal [19]

### Drug Interactions:

This information should not be interpreted without the help of a healthcare provider. If you believe you are experiencing an interaction, contact a healthcare provider immediately. The absence of an interaction does not necessarily mean no interactions exist.

### Food Interactions:

Take with food. Food reduces irritation and increases bioavailability.

### Products:

Drug product information from 10+ global regions our datasets provide approved product information including: dosage, form, labeller, route of administration, and marketing period.

### 2. Primaquine

Synonyms: Primachin, Primachina, Primachinum, Primaquin, Primaquina, Primaquine, Primaquinum

Summary: Primaquine is an antimalarial indicated to prevent relapse of vivax malaria.

Generic Name: Primaquine

DrugBank Accession Number: DB01087

Background: An aminoquinoline that is given by mouth to produce a radical cure and prevent relapse of vivax and ovale malaras following treatment with a blood schizonticide. It has also been used to prevent transmission of falciparum malaria by those returning to areas where there is a potential for re-introduction of malaria. Adverse effects include anemias and GI disturbances. (From Martindale, The Extra Pharmacopeia, 30th ed, p404 [61])

Type: Small Molecule

Groups: Approved

Weight Average: 259.3467

Monoisotopic: 259.168462309

Chemical Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O

#### Pharmacology:

Indication: For the treatment of malaria. Reduce drug development failure rates Build, train, & validate machine-learning models with evidence-based and structured datasets [62].

Associated Conditions:

Malaria caused by *Plasmodium ovale*

Malaria caused by *Plasmodium vivax*

Plasmodium Infections

Contraindications & Blackbox Warnings:

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Pharmacodynamics:

Primaquine is an antimalarial agent and is the essential co-drug with chloroquine in treating all cases of malaria. In the blood, malaria parasites break down a part of the red blood cells known as haemoglobin. When this happens haemoglobin is divided into two parts; haem and globin. Haem is toxic to the malaria parasite. To prevent it from being damaged, the malaria parasite produces a chemical which converts the toxic haem into a non-toxic product. Primaquine acts by interfering with a part of the parasite (mitochondria) that is responsible for supplying it with energy. Without energy the parasite dies. This stops the infection from continuing and allows the person to recover. Primaquine kills the intrahepatic form of *Plasmodium vivax* and *Plasmodium ovale*, and thereby prevents the development of the erythrocytic forms that are responsible for relapses (it also kills gametocytes). Primaquine is not used in the prevention of malaria, only in the treatment. It has insignificant activity against the asexual blood forms of the parasite and therefore it is always used in conjunction with a blood schizonticide and never as a single agent. Primaquine has gametocytocidal activity against all plasmodia, including *P. falciparum* [63, 64].

Mechanism of action

Primaquine's mechanism of action is not well understood. It may be acting by generating reactive oxygen species or by interfering with the electron transport in the parasite. Also, although its mechanism of action is unclear, primaquine may bind to and alter the properties of protozoal DNA (Table 5).

Half-life:

3.7-7.4 hours

Adverse Effects:

Improve decision support & research outcomes with structured adverse effects data, including: black box warnings, adverse reactions, warning & precautions, & incidence rates. Drug Interactions: This information should not be interpreted without the help of a healthcare provider. If you believe you are experiencing an interaction, contact a healthcare provider immediately. The absence of an interaction does not necessarily mean no interactions exist [65].

Food Interactions:

Take with food. Food decreases irritation.

PRODUCTS:

Drug product information from 10+ global regions our datasets provide approved product information including: dosage, form, labeller, route of administration, and marketing period (Table 6).

## Material & Method

### Malaria parasites in rodents in the laboratory:

In this paper, we present a set of techniques for the cyclic transmission of rodent malaria parasites in the laboratory. Both in vivo and in vitro, this is now doable. We concentrate on the approaches that are the least "resource expensive" and generic, and that we have shown to be applicable to any parasite-host combination. Nonetheless, we understand that the ability to create transgenic "reporter" parasites/hosts now allows for the employment of sophisticated analytical and imaging techniques in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo in specific situations. The methods described here are those that are commonly employed to keep *P. berghei* alive; where applicable, we mention significant differences when transmitting other parasite species *Plasmodium berghei*, *P. yoelii*, and *P. chabaudi*, among other rodent malaria parasites, have proved extremely valuable in the development of our understanding of the core molecular and cellular biology of malaria. this parasitic genus Whereas one might expect the utility to be high, it isn't. Nothing caused the prevalence of these parasites to decline as knowledge grew [66, 67].

Could not be further from the truth; today, more than ever before, improvements in parasite-specific genetic technologies, and parasite-specific genetic technologies Mice as laboratory hosts and vectors (e.g., *Anopheles stephensi*) These species, and possibly *P. berghei* in particular, have the potential to be extremely powerful. systems for making in-depth investigations of the molecular foundation of disease the parasite-vector and host-parasite connections While we have discovered that passing *P. berghei* in a sequential manner is conceivable, throughout its entire life cycle using techniques in culture [68].

Anesthetic:

Combine 1 volume Rompun (2-(2,6-xylylidino)-5,6-dihydro-4 H-1,3-thiazine hydrochloride, Bayer) with 2 volumes Ketaset/Vetalar (100 mg/ml ketamine, Fort Dodge) and 3 volumes sterile phosphate-



**Table 6:** Conditions of HPLC-UV, HPLC-DAD, HPLC-FLD, and HPLC-MS methods used for the determination of CQ in pharmaceutical formulations and biological fluids.

Analyt	Matrix	Sample preparation	Stationary phase	Mobilphase	Separation mode and detector	Sensitivity	Flowrate (mL/min)
CQ	Body fluids, blood or urine	Hexane:LE	Whatman Part Gil-100DS-3 25 cm * 4.6 mm) reversed-phase column	MeOH-Water acetic acid (80:19:1) with 0.005M sodium heptanesulfonate.	HPLC-UV (344nm)	LOD 20 ng/mL	1
CQ and DCQ	Plasma and urine	Diethyl ether, LE	Waters silica-based reversed-phase column (Bondapak; 10 $\mu$ m, 3.9 $\times$ 300 mm).	0.2M sodium dihydrogen phosphate/MeOH, and ACN at a ratio of 65:30:5, with 1 mL of perchloric acid/100 mL of solution 705 g Ammonium perchlorate to 500 mL of MeOH-water (98.5:1.5). The pH was adjusted to pH 8.0 by adding 110 mL MeOH NaOH (50mM)	HPLC-UV (215 nm)	LOQ: 0.005-0.01 mg/L for CQ and hydroxyCQ and 0.05 mg/L for quinine.	1.5
CQ and its desethylated metabolites	Human liver microsomes	Protein precipitation with ice-cold ACN	Spherisorb C1 column (150 $\times$ 4.6 mm) (Life Sciences International PLC, HPLC division, UK)	MeOH and distilled water (70:30 v/v) containing 7 mM (0.1% v/v) of triethylamine (TEA)	HPLC-FLD (exc: 250 nm and em: 380 nm)	78 nM of CQ or metabolite LOQ: 1.25 ng/mL	1
CQ and other antimalarial drugs	Plasma	Protein precipitation in MeOH/Ammonium formate 20mM (pH 4.0) 1:1	2.1 mm 50 mm Atlantis RV dC18 3 mm analytical column (Waters Milford, MA, USA)	gradient elution, 20mM ammonium formate and ACN both containing 0.5% formic acid,	LC-MS/MS by SI-triple quadrupole mass spectrometry by SRM detection in the positive mode	LOQ: 1.25 ng/mL	0.3

buffered saline (PBS). Working stock can be held at room temperature for up to 2 weeks if stored at 4°C (RT). To perform cardiac puncture, dilute the mixture to 2–5 l/g body weight for limited anaesthesia and 15 l/g body weight for deep/terminal anaesthesia.

#### Phenylhydrazine stock:

PBS solution containing 6 mg/ml phenylhydrazinium chloride. Filter-sterilize, aliquot, and store for no more than 2 months at 20°C. Due to the quick oxidation of phenylhydrazine, the solution should not be reused once defrosted. Inoculate mice intraperitoneally (i.p.) at a rate of 10 l/g body weight to produce reticulocytosis. Three doses of inoculation are recommended, days before the host is infected through the transmission of contaminated blood. Prepare the cryopreservation medium by combining 9 volumes of Alsever's solution with 1 volume glycerol. Sterilize by filtering, then aliquot and store at 20°C or room temperature [69].

#### Heparin stock:

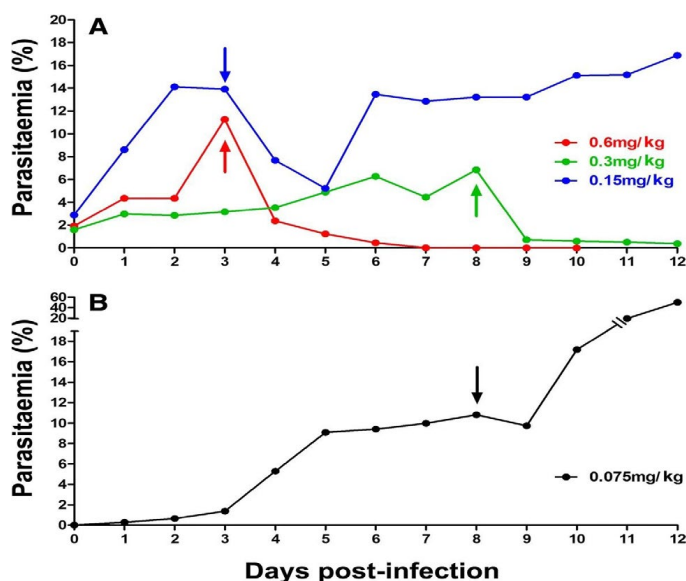
Dissolve 300 units/ml preservative-free heparin in PBS, filter-sterilize, aliquot, and store at 20°C. Use in such a way that the final blood concentration is 30 units/ml. Fructose/PABA mosquito feed: 8 percent fructose in demineralized water, 0.05 percent P-Aminobenzoic Acid (PABA). Place in an autoclave and keep at 4°C. The distributed feed can be supplemented with a vitamin A, D, and iron cocktail. Plasmodium filters or CF11 cellulose powder (Whatman) for leucocyte elimination. Erythrocyte lysis. RBC lysis buffer A. 10 stock solution: 1.5 M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 100 mM KHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10 mM EDTA, 2 O, pH 7.4. Keep the stock solution at room temperature. The lysis buffer should be maintained in the refrigerator at working strength. Gey's solutions (b). 1,000 mL (NH<sub>4</sub>Cl 35.0 g, KCl 1.85 g, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> 12H<sub>2</sub>O 1.5 g, KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 0.12 g, glucose 5.0 g, phenol red 50.0 mg) Gey's stock solution A 100 mL (MgCl<sub>2</sub> 6H<sub>2</sub>O 0.42 g, MgSO<sub>4</sub> 7H<sub>2</sub>O 0.14 g, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 0.34 g) Gey's stock solution B 100 mL (NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 2.25 g) Gey's stock solution C Gey's working solution is as follows: Stock A has 20 pieces; Stock B has 20 parts. Distilled H<sub>2</sub>O, 70 parts; Stock C, 5 parts; ycodenz stock solution (defined as 100%): In 200 ml Nycodenz buffer (0.03 percent w/v Tris-

HCl, 0.0061 percent w/v CaNa<sub>2</sub>EDTA, 2 O, 0.011 percent w/v KCl, pH 7.5), dissolve 55.2 g Nycodenz (Axis-Shield, 1002424). Autoclave and keep at room temperature. In density gradient centrifugation, Nycodenz significantly improves parasite survival when compared to Percoll [70].

Coelenterazine Loading Buffer (CLB): pH 7.24–7.31, 20 mM HEPES, 20 mM glucose, 4 mM sodium bicarbonate, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.1 percent BSA in PBS. Membrane feeders are number ten. Discovery Workshops, 516A Burnley Road, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 6JZ, UK, sells Hemotek membrane feeders with integrated electrical warmers and reservoirs of 1 ml or 3 ml. Feeders made entirely of glass (requires rotating water bath) in a variety of sizes based on Wade's design are available from a variety of suppliers. We frequently utilize Wade-style Perspex feeders (100, 250, 500, or 1,000 l) that we produce in-house. Membranes. Two-way stretch para film is enough in the vast majority of cases. We employed Baudruche membrane, which was previously available from, for the fastidious mosquito (Figure 5).

#### Parasites host and host cell lines:

*Plasmodium berghei* is the first parasite that has frequently used wild-type strains NK65 and ANKA, as well as the green fluorescent strain and other transgenic strains. The *P. berghei* ANKA wild-type clone 2.34, as well as the gametocyte nonproducer 2.34, are often used strains. Parasites, Hosts, and Host Cell Lines 54 The GFP-expressing line 507 clone1, which stably expresses GFP but does not include the TgDHFR-TS drug resistance gene as a selection marker, was developed by provides a comprehensive database of available. HepG2 cells are available from a variety of sources, including ATCC and the Health Resources and Services Administration. H.P.A. Microbiology Services, Porton Down, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 0J6, UK. Protection Agency Culture Collections (H.P.A. Microbiology Services, Porton Down, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 0J6, UK). We discovered no changes in susceptibility between HepG2 A16 and other HepG2 cell lines, despite some authors suggesting that sub clone HepG2 A16 is a better option. Commercially available Drosophila Schneider's-2 (S2) cells are



**Figure 5:** Determination of the lowest effective dose (LED). Parasitemia trends from individual NSG mice that each received a unique dose of 5a) 0.6 mg/kg, 0.3 mg/kg, 0.15 mg/kg, or 5b) 0.075 mg/kg of artesunate (AS) are shown. We infected mice with the Uganda Palo Alto Marburg (FUP/CB or PAM) progenitor strain before it was subjected to any drug pressure. Arrows indicate day of intravenous drug delivery. In panel a, day 0 represents the fourth day post-inoculation of mice. Results were reproducible in several mice treated at each dose

available from a variety of sources (e.g., life technologies, 1600 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92008, USA). Tuck-Ordinary (TO) or CD-1 mice, >5 weeks old, for normal maintenance and mosquito infections C57BL/6 mice for bite back infections; C57BL/6 mice are extremely vulnerable to sporozoite infections [9, 10]. Mosquitoes are number five. *Anopheles gambiae*, e.g., G3, L3-5, Yaoundé, N'Gouso; *Anopheles stephensi*, e.g., sda500 (very susceptible); *Anopheles gambiae*, e.g., G3, L3-5, Yaoundé, N'Gouso. *Anopheles gambiae* susceptibility in our lab is a factor of ten. that of *A. stephensi* [78].

## Culture media

Essential Minimal Medium (MEM, Invitrogen). 10 percent heat-inactivated foetal calf serum (FCS, life technologies), 50 units/ml penicillin, 100 g/ml streptomycin, 50 g/ml neomycin, 1 mM L-glutamine, and nonessential amino acids are added to the culture medium for HepG2 cells and exoerythrocytic stage cultures (Flow mixture). Filter-sterilize and store at 4 degrees Celsius. Culture media for Schizont (bloodstage) (modified from 11). To 500 ml of RPMI1640 (life technologies) containing 25 mM HEPES, 2 percent w/v NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and L-glutamine, add 25 units/ml and 25 g/ml streptomycin (2.5 ml 100 penicillin and streptomycin, life technologies). Add 20% heat-inactivated FCS to make a complete medium (life technologies). Culture medium for ookinetes. In 1 L, combine 16.4 g RPMI, HEPES, and L-glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich), 2 percent w/v NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and 0.05 percent w/v hypoxanthine (Sigma-Aldrich) (Sigma-Aldrich), 100 M xanthurenic acid (XA, Sigma-Aldrich) (see Note 1), 50 units/ml penicillin, 50 g/ml streptomycin (life technologies, 100 penicillin and streptomycin), pH 7 [79, 80].

Filter-sterilize and keep for up to 6 months at 4°C. Just before usage, the complete medium is supplemented with heat-inactivated FCS (life technologies) to a final concentration of 20%. S2 culture medium [12] is a type of medium that is used to grow bacteria. Schneider's insect media (appropriate for insect cells, Sigma-Aldrich), 50 units/

ml penicillin (Sigma-Aldrich), Schneider's insect medium (suited for insect cells, Sigma-Aldrich), Schneider's insect medium (suitable for insect cells, Sigma-A 5. Maintenance of Rodent Malaria Parasites in the Laboratory 55 Aldrich) and 50 g/ml Streptomycin. Filter and store at 4°C after sterilisation. Before using, add a ten percent heat-inactivated FCS supplement [81].

Culture medium for oocytes. 0.06 percent Para Amino Benzoic Acid (PABA), 0.05 percent w/v hypoxanthine, 0.2 percent w/v sodium bicarbonate, and 2 percent v/v lipoprotein-cholesterol solution (Sigma-Aldrich) 50 units/ml penicillin, 50 g/ml streptomycin, 200 g/ml gentamycin (Sigma-Aldrich) (pH7). Filter-sterilize and store at 4 degrees Celsius. To obtain a complete medium, add 15 percent heat in activated FCS [82].

## Methods Maintenance in Vivo-In Vitro:

### Production of *P. berghei* Blood Stages in Mice

Load a 1-ml syringe with a 30G needle with a cryovial containing frozen *P. berghei* parasites (from a sporozoite-infected mouse = passage zero). Inject up to 200 l i.p. into the mouse and care for it according to national animal care guidelines. Take a tail smear 2 to 3 days after inoculation to check infection progress. The mouse can get cerebral malaria and/or die if the parasitemia is high or the infection period is protracted. On a daily basis, visually evaluate mice for inactivity, separation from cage mates, and ruffled fur. These mice must be employed right away or euthanized. With increased passage numbers, however, the parasite "senescence" (e.g., telomere degradation) occurs. We don't go beyond mechanical blood passage 8 as a rule of thumb to keep gametocyte production unaffected. The rodent malaria parasites can be frozen and preserved if used only seldom (Figure 6).

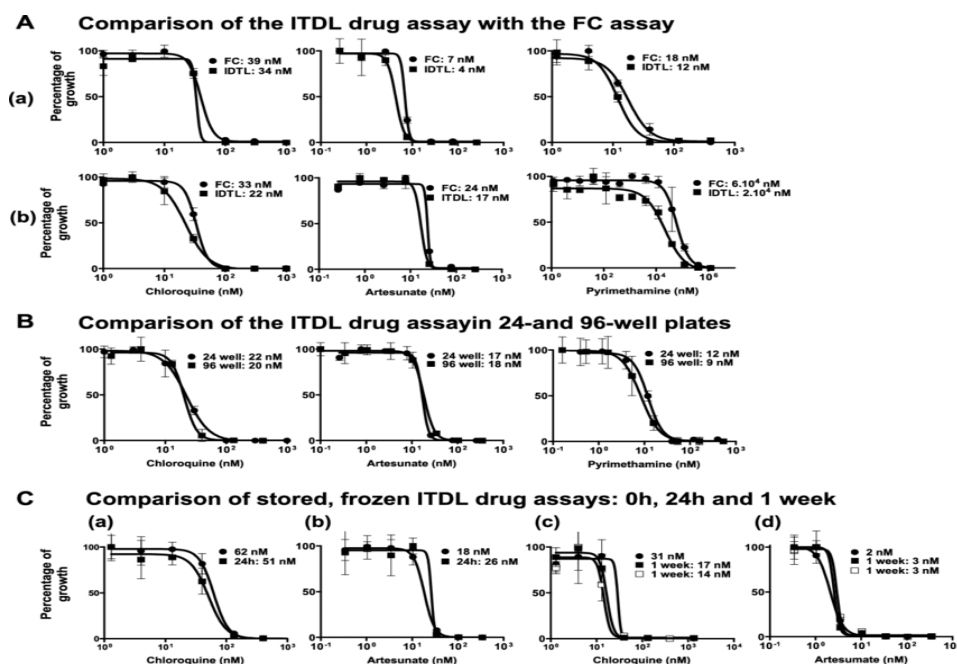
## Production of *P. berghei*

### Gametocytes in Mice:

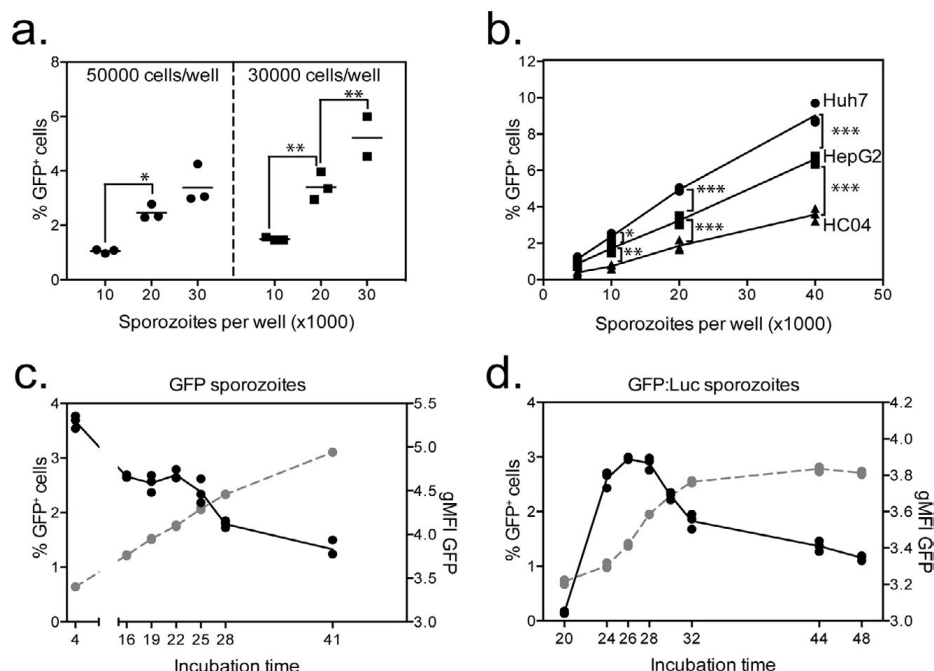
Infect mice with *P. berghei* that has not been passed through a mosquito more than eight times. When asexual parasitemia reaches >1%, collect infected blood via cardiac puncture and inject 200 l (10 6– 10 8 infected RBC) into a donor mouse that has been given phenylhydrazine i.p. for 3 days to induce reticulocytosis (*P. yoelii*, *P. vinckei*, and *P. chabaudi*) infect mature RBC, so induced reticulocytosis is not An asexual parasitemia of less than 10% (1–1.0%) at day 3 postinoculation is appropriate for mosquito infections with *P. berghei* (both direct and membrane feeds). To create highly enriched gametocytes, treat animals with sulfadiazine (10 mg/l) in drinking water for two days prior to bleeding. Take a tail smear and Giemsa stain it 3–8 days after infection. Examine the gametocytes for mature male and female gametocytes. Around 8 days following infection, maximum gametocyte densities are reached [8]. Ex flagellation testing can be used to confirm the functional maturity of male gametocytes (Figure 7) [83].

Infection of mice with sporozoites infection by mosquito feeding (Bite-Back):

Depending on the species, age, and treatment, starve mosquitos for a few hours or overnight. However, drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. The next day, do a direct feed on a naive C57BL/6 mouse that has been anaesthetized. Feed 5 *P. berghei* infected mosquitoes to each mouse for 10–20 minutes (this ratio implies 200 sporozoites per bite and 1,000 sporozoites provide a 94% chance of a blood-stage infection [13]. In *P. yoelii* (10 i.v. route) and *P. chabaudi* (400 i.p. route), lower sporozoite counts allegedly achieve equivalent transmission efficacy [14]. After feeding, place mouse under a warm heat lamp or on a heat



**Figure 6:** Inhibition of the in vitro development of blood stages of *Plasmodium berghei* by chloroquine, artesunate and pyrimethamine. Inhibition of development was determined by measuring the rate of DNA synthesis using flow cytometry (FC assay) and by measuring inhibition of luciferase expression in parasites during development from ring forms into mature schizonts in culture. 6a) Comparison of the in vitro drug luminescence (ITDL) assay and FC for two transgenic lines: 875m1cl2 (selectable marker free line) and 354cl4 (contains the pyrimethamine resistant *tgdhfr/ts* selectable marker). In each graph the EC<sub>50</sub> values of both assays are shown. 6b) Comparison of the ITDL assay, performed in 24-well or in 96-well culture plates (parasites of line 875m1cl2). In each graph the EC<sub>50</sub> values of both assays are shown. 6c) Comparison of the ITDL assay in 96-well plates with and without storage of the culture plates at  $\Delta 20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Plates were stored at  $\Delta 20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for either 24 h (a,b; line 354cl4) or 1 week (c,d; line 875m1cl2).



**Figure 7:** Optimisation of culture conditions for detection of infection *P. berghei* by flow cytometry. 7a) 50000 or 30000 HepG2 cells were plated per well and infected with 10000, 20000 or 30000 PbGFP sporozoites and harvested the following day to measure the percentage of infected cells by flow cytometry. 7b) 30000 Huh7, HepG2 or HC04 cells were seeded per well and subsequently infected with increasing numbers of PbGFP sporozoites. Cells were harvested the following day and the percentage of infected cells determined by flow cytometry. 7c) 30000 Huh7 cells per well were infected with 15000 PbGFP sporozoites and the percentage of infected cells was measured between 4 and 41 hours after incubation. The graph represents the percentage of GFP+ cells (left axis) (black line) or log Mean Fluorescence Intensity (MFI) of GFP from GFP+ cells (right axis) (grey line) against the time after infection. 7d) 30000 Huh7 cells per well were infected with 20000 PbGFP-Luc sporozoites and the percentage of infected cells was measured between 20 and 48 hours after incubation. The graph represents the percentage of infected cells (left axis) (black line) or log Mean Fluorescence Intensity (MFI) of GFP in GFP+ cells (right axis) (grey line) against the time after infection.



pad to recover, and keep an eye on it until it has recovered. Begin taking blood samples from mice on day 3 after feeding to look for asexual behaviour. Blood infection, or as the parasite line allows (for example, in vivo luminescence [15]. Pass blood from this mouse (P0) or freeze it. Mice are susceptible to cerebral malaria after bite-back infections.

#### **Tail vein injection of sporozoites:**

Dissect mosquitos ("Mosquito Dissection to Isolate Mosquito Salivary Glands") and store sporozoites on ice until ready to use. Preheat mouse to 37°C for 10 minutes. Restrain the mouse, sanitize the tail with 70% ethanol, and use a 30G needle to inject at least 1,000 sporozoites (*P. berghei*) into the vein around the middle of the tail. Use the smallest amount of suspension possible and inject it slowly (rapid injection provokes profound vasoconstriction).

#### **Maintenance of *P. berghei* in Mosquitoes**

##### **Maintenance of *Anopheles stephensi*:**

There are other laboratory colonies; we use one that has been around for a long time. Feldman's sda500 chosen line has given rise to a colony. Ponnudurai [16] is another name for Ponnudurai. A simple description of how to maintain a colony is available. The colony is kept at 28°C and 80% Relative Humidity (RH) on a 12/12 day/night cycle, with a 45-minute ramp up/down in light intensity at twilight and dawn. Remove the egg dish from the mosquito cage and wash the eggs and L1 larvae from the filter paper in new Reverse Osmosis (RO) water (if using chlorinated tap water, leave out to air for at least 24 hours before using to allow the chlorine to evaporate). Remove any dead adults from the surface and feed with two drops of Interpret Liquifry No1. Feed larvae a locally accessible substance from day 3 onward; we use pelleted fish meal suitable for outdoor ponds—these foods rarely cause bacterial overgrowth, simplifying feeding regimens; many others use powdered fish food. The dosage is calculated by ensuring that the larvae "nearly finish" the food in a 24/48-hour period. Healthy larvae respond to movement, and the water is clear but contains bacteria, protists, and rotifers from your local ecology. The bacterial flora that results in the mosquito's gut can have an impact on the malaria parasite's development in the vector. When the larvae have reached the L2 stage, dilute to 1/ml density and feed as previously 5. Pupae appear on day 8 and must be removed on a daily basis (within 48 h they will emerge as adults). These can be gathered using a variety of methods, which are mostly governed by the amount of biomass produced. As a result, we collect individual pupae using simple vacuum collection into a 5 L Erlenmeyer/ Buchner flask at a rate of 2,000 per day. When the pupae are full, gather them in a sieve, transfer them to clean dishes, and place them in a mosquito breeding cage (25–40 cm<sup>3</sup>). During blood feeding and egg collection, remove or cover any pupal bowls. Take care of the adults as directed. Feed an appropriate blood source once a week; we utilize sedated rats for 1–3,000 adults. To collect (and remove) discharged blood from mosquitoes and urine from rats, cover the cage's base with absorbent paper. Keep the cage clear of dead mosquitoes and blood (which attracts fungus, mites, and ants, all of which can jeopardize the colony's survival) [16].

The day after you've eaten, make a 3 cm of clean RO water in a clean egg bowl (7 cm diameter) in the cage. Cut the point off a cone-shaped piece of paper. Insert into the bowl such that when open, the cone fills the bowl's surface and the cone's core meets the water. Allow for the eggs to be placed on the moist paper/water surface for 2–3 days.

Clean all containers on a regular basis, avoiding detergents if feasible. Staff should avoid wearing fragrant cosmetics and (obviously)

coming into touch with household insecticides.

#### **Direct feeding on malaria infected mice**

Treat a mouse with phenylhydrazine i.p. six days before feeding the mosquitoes. Infect mice i.p. with parasitized RBC three days before feeding while the highest gametocyte densities are found on day 8 after vaccination, day 3 has been found to be the best period to obtain high oocyst yields. Place a warm container on one side of a mosquito cage (4–7 days after emergence) one day before feeding. Female mosquitoes are drawn to heat sources and can be identified by sucking them into a "pooter." Place the insects in a suitable container and line it with filter paper to absorb the blood the mosquitoes produce while feeding. Mosquitoes love paper soup containers as mosquito cages are content with densities ranging from 0.5 to 1/ml. In the 12–24 hours before the blood feed, do not feed mosquitoes sugar, but keep them hydrated with water. Reduce the time the mosquitos are starved if they are vulnerable owing to age or treatment, or if certain strains are present. On the day of the meal, you may want to use a Giemsa-stained blood film to record the mouse's parasitemia and/or gametocytemia (see Subheading "Giemsa Staining of Thin Blood Smears"). Testing for exflagellation as a potential sign of the parasite's infectiousness is also useful. Anesthetize mouse: make sure that the mouse is deeply anesthetized and place it on the netting of the mosquito cage, taking care not to restrict its breathing. Keep the mouse warm with cotton wool (or a heater blanket) if it is small. Maintain the feeding mosquitoes at 19–21°C, in a draft-free, darkened environment for a minimum of 15 min (or until the appropriate number of mosquitoes have fed). A dark red light can be used if it is necessary to observe and record the feeding process. After feeding, there may be a pool of sticky blood on the bottom of the mosquito pot. Lay the pot on its side and gently tap to detach any stuck mosquitoes and maintain like this at 19–21°C and 70–80% RH overnight. After this time the blood has dried, the pots may then be returned to the vertical without fear of loss of blood-fed mosquitoes [83].

Engorged females are very delicate; therefore, avoid handling them if at all possible for 24 h. The day after feeding you may wish to remove unfed or partially fed (less than ¾ engorged) mosquitoes. Two methods may be used. A. *stephensi* previously starved for 24 h can be further starved for 48 h (but keep hydrated). Mosquitoes that have not taken a blood meal will usually die. This simple method will however not guarantee that all the unfed mosquitoes are removed. Alternatively anesthetize the mosquitoes with CO<sub>2</sub>; while asleep, transfer to a Petri dish on ice and remove unfed females (whilst not disturbing fed mosquitoes). Transfer remaining fed mosquitoes back into pot. Some losses must be expected. Feed mosquitoes with fructose/PABA (replaced every 2–3 days) and maintain at 19–21°C (*P. berghei*), 25–30°C (*P. chabaudi*), and 24°C (*P. yoelii*; *P. vinckei*), 70–80% RH for the desired period (24 h for ookinete studies; 8–12 days for oocyst counting; 18–21 days for counting of salivary gland sporozoites and infection of mice). The variable temperature tolerances of mosquito infections of *P. berghei* as they mature have been recorded. A very significant boost in sporozoite numbers can be achieved by feeding the infected mosquitoes on a naïve mouse on/ around day 7 post infections [84].

##### **Membrane feeding:**

Instead of feeding directly on an infected mouse, there are numerous reasons why one would need to feed on direct replicates of artificial mixtures of infected blood and added reagents. To do this, a series of membrane feeders is ideal. Membrane feeds are the

only method by which to initiate infections. Whilst this procedure is easily described we find the success achieved is highly operator-dependent significant variation in success between laboratories is therefore not unexpected, and is commonly observed. Prepare mice and mosquitoes as described in Subheading “Direct Feeding on Malaria-Infected Mice”. Warm up membrane feeders to 37–39°C and maintain at this temperature throughout. If using Para film, no more than 5 min before adding the blood, stretch the membrane (Baudruche membrane or 2-way stretch Para film—the latter stretched to the point of breaking in both directions) over the feeder and secure well. Para film membranes rapidly become fragile. Baudruche membranes can be applied at any convenient time. Para film membranes rapidly become fragile. Baudruche membranes can be applied at any convenient time. Anesthetize the rodent deeply and collect blood as rapidly as possible. Keep blood at 37°C (for short periods) or rapidly cool to 0°C (for greater periods, e.g., >30 min of manipulation). Introduce gametocyte-infected blood, or ookinete culture at 30–50% hematocrit into the feeder. Put feeder in contact with the mosquito pot netting. Breathe gently on the pot to stimulate mosquitoes and allow feeding to continue for a minimum of 15 min. There is no effective time limit on the feeding of ookinete cultures, but beware as these infections can yield high parasite load. Significant mosquito mortality over the succeeding 48 h may be induced. After feeding, treat mosquitoes as described in Subheading “Direct Feeding on Malaria-Infected Mice” [85].

### Maintenance in-vitro

*P. berghei* is the only malaria species for which every stage of the life cycle has been grown to maturity in vitro. The chronology of these achievements is as follows (naming ex vivo progenitor-in vitro product): gametocyte-ookinete [18], sporozoite merozoite [19, 20], trophozoite-gametocyte [11], sporozoite-gametocyte [1], gametocyte-sporozoite [2]. To date, the profound inefficiencies of sporogonic culture have prevented the routine linkage of the methods of Suhrbier and Al Olayan.

#### Cultures of Exoerythrocytic Stages:

Exoerythrocytic stages of *P. berghei* can be cultured in the human cell line HepG2, and in other human cell lines [21, 22]. These are more convenient host cells than the primary hepatocytes from the mouse or rat [23], or the taxonomically “correct” *Thamnomys* [24].

Culture HepG2 cells in MEM freshly supplemented with 10% FCS, penicillin 50 µg/ml, streptomycin 100 µg/ml, neomycin 50 µg/ml, and media supplements (L-glutamine, 1 mmol/l; 2. nonessential amino acids (Flow mixture); glucose 3 mg/ml) in 25-cm<sup>2</sup> flasks at 37°C in air containing 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Split the cells into appropriate vessels when they are semiconfluent. Remove the media and rinse the cells with 0.05% trypsin/EDTA. Following addition of 0.25% trypsin/0.02% EDTA let the flask sit for a few min at 37°C until the cells are detached. Remove supernatant (containing detached cells) and wash in complete medium. Split 1:4–1:6. Seed in 24-well plates at 1–2 × 10<sup>5</sup> cells per well and culture for 48–72 h until confluence. Irradiate the cells with 3,000–3,500 rads from a Cobalt 60 source to reduce growth rate. Replenish medium following irradiation. Very briefly immerse mosquitoes (21–35 days postinfection) in 70% ethanol and allow to dry (on ice) in a sterile atmosphere. Dissect out salivary glands in supplemented MEM (see Subheading “Mosquito Dissection to Isolate Mosquito Salivary Glands”); for each well of a Costar 24-well plate, use two infected *A. stephensi* mosquitoes.

Transfer salivary glands into homogenizer and release sporozoites (“Observation of Salivary Gland Sporozoites”). Estimate sporozoite

numbers using a hemocytometer. If necessary, dilute sporozoites. Remove medium from HepG2 cultures completely and in the case of Costar 24-well plates, add 1–4 × 10<sup>4</sup> sporozoites/well (150–200 µl of suspension) to each well. Incubate for 2 h at RT. Add fresh medium and transfer to a 37°C incubator gassed with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in air. Fully mature schizonts can be seen 45–48 h after sporozoite inoculation and by 60 h, the majority of Exo-Erythrocytic (EE) stages should be mature schizonts [23]. Rupturing hepatocytes can often be seen lying above the plane of the attached cells. Change medium twice a day. Examine EE parasites as required by the experimental protocol, e.g., confocal laser scanning microscopy. For classical morphological studies, use monolayers that are fixed in Bouin’s fixative and subsequently stained

#### Culture of blood stages:

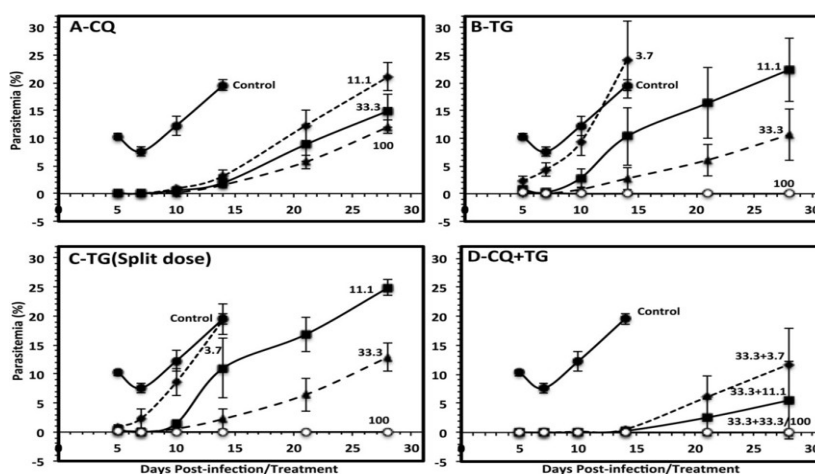
Cultures of asexual blood stages of *P. berghei* can be initiated from infected mouse blood or from cell cultures containing mature EE schizonts. For the latter, exchange HepG2 culture medium for RPMI 1640 supplemented with 20% inactivated FCS, 5.94 g/l HEPES, 2 g/l sodium bicarbonate (pH 7.2) [11, 26] and change the gas to 4% CO<sub>2</sub>, 4% O<sub>2</sub>, 92% N<sub>2</sub>. Prepare reticulocytes from a Wistar rat injected with 120 mg/kg body weight phenylhydrazine 4–5 days prior to harvest. Harvest reticulocyte-enriched blood by cardiac puncture and remove the white blood cells (see Subheading “Removal of Leukocytes from Whole Blood”). Wash twice in RPMI 1640, recover RBC at 500 × g for 10 min. For a 10-ml culture of EE schizonts, add 25 µl of a packed reticulocyte suspension to the infected HepG2 cells. Using a magnetic stirrer, stir the culture at 400 rpm at 37°C (to induce release of merozoites). After 12 h, centrifuge mixed cell suspension at 500 × g and add the RBC pellet to a fresh flask containing pre-equilibrated and supplemented RPMI 1640. Gently and continuously stir RBC to maintain cells in suspension (50 rpm). Replace medium every 12 h and gas the culture. Add fresh reticulocytes 22 h after transfer. Stir at 400 rpm for 5 min to initiate a new round of schizogony. Repeat step 8 every 25 h. Mature gametocytes can be seen in cultures >24 h after setup [Figure 8].

#### Culture of erythrocytic schizonts (modified from):

Gas 50–100 ml complete schizont culture medium with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 3% O<sub>2</sub>. Bleed mouse with a maximum of 3–5% parasitemia and add blood to medium. Gas-culture again and culture schizonts at 37°C while being shaken gently at 50 rpm for 20 h. Pellet culture at 500 × g. Discard all of supernatant except 1 ml. Resuspend the pellet in the remaining liquid and layer on top of a 55% Nycodenz/PBS cushion. Centrifuge at 300 × g for 25 min at RT using the lowest acceleration possible; the spin has to end without using any brake. Isolate parasites at the interface. Wash parasites with schizont culture medium and spin 10 min at 500 × g. Merozoites can be released by stirring the schizont-infected RBC with a magnetic stirrer [86].

#### Ookinete culture:

Passage 200 µl heavily infected blood into mice treated 3 days. Previously with phenyl hydrazine. On day 3–8 post infection, check for gametocyte abundance and maturity by exflagellation. Bleed mice by cardiac puncture into complete ookinete medium so that blood is diluted 1:20–1:40 and place in vented tissue culture flasks. Optional: mouse white blood cells can be removed by passing culture immediately through a CF11 (Whatman) cellulose at 4°C or Plasmodipur filters (Euro-Diagnostica). Delays of 15–60 min can totally prevent ookinete formation, because the motile male gametes are released in the column and are retained. Store culture at 19–21°C in air for 22–24 h. If required, recover culture pellet following centrifugation at 500 × g



**Figure 8:** Progress of parasitaemia in *Plasmodium berghei*-infected mice treated with A chloroquine (CQ); tigecycline (TG) once daily dose; C tigecycline (TG) split dose; and D combination of tigecycline (TG) and chloroquine (CQ). Each point represent value mean  $\pm$  SD of five mice or the number of mice remaining live at that point of time. The numbers shown along each graph show the daily dose of the specified drug. The mice were treated daily with dose of the drug indicated, for four days starting from day 0 (within 1–2 hours after inoculating the mice with *P. berghei* parasitized erythrocytes).

for 5 min. Resuspend pellet and dilute 1:4 in an appropriate medium and count ookinets in a hemocytometer at 400 $\times$  (40 $\times$  objective, 10 $\times$  ocular) magnification [87].

#### Oocyst and sporozoite culture:

S2 cells are cultured at  $19 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  in complete Schneider's insect medium. Prepare ookinete cultures as described in Subheading 3.2.4 and purify using a Nycodenz cushion — all under strict sterile conditions. Maintaining sterility, pipette 90  $\mu\text{l}$  of cold Matrigel into each well of a Lab-Tek 8-well chamber slide. Allow Matrigel to settle at  $37^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 min. Mix ookinets and S2 cells in a 1:10 ratio using 10 4 ookinets/ chamber in complete oocyst culture medium. Pipet mixed cell suspension onto solid Matrigel. Incubate plates at  $19 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  in air. Replenish S2 cells every 48–72 h. Within 1–2 days, young oocysts can be observed on the surface or within the matrigel. By day 20, the first sporozoites are released. Sporozoites can be collected from the supernatant and are infectious to mice [88].

#### Sundry Methods:

##### Cardiac puncture of mice:

Inject 15  $\mu\text{l/g}$  body weight of Rompun/Ketamine anesthetic intramuscularly (i.m.) into the thigh(s) of the mouse using a 30G needle; there may be local bleeding. The animal may become briefly hyperactive, but thereafter anesthesia is deep and thus suitable for cardiac bleeds or for exposure to mosquitoes. Anesthesia can persist for up to 45 min. Wait until the pain reflexes of the mouse cease and lay the mouse on its back. Prepare a 1-ml syringe attached to a 26G needle containing 100  $\mu\text{l}$  heparin (300 units/ml). Spray the skin with 70% alcohol; locate the heart (beat) with your fingers and then insert the needle about 5 mm into the mouse usually just to the right of the sternum between the second and third ribs. It may be necessary to use a quick stabbing action to ensure the tip of the needle penetrates the heart (and does not simply push it aside). Gently retract the plunger to confirm that the needle is in the bloodstream and then inject the heparin into the heart. Wait  $\sim 15$  s and then gently withdraw the blood. The more gently this is done the more blood is finally harvested [89].

##### Blood smears:

Restrain mouse in an approved manner. We carefully abrade the

skin on the tip of the mouse tail and with a gentle squeeze, transfer a small drop of blood (approximately 1  $\mu\text{l}$ ) onto a glass slide. Quickly rest the edge of another glass slide just ahead of the drop of blood. Gently draw back the top glass slide and then allow the drop to disperse fully along its edge. Immediately, and firmly sweep the slide forward, drawing the blood along and forming a thin layer. Air-dry slide (an electric hair dryer, or fan heater is very useful to obtain rapid drying and hence optimal morphological preservation) [90].

#### Fixation and staining methods

##### Giemsa staining of thin blood smears:

Dilute concentrated Giemsa stain (modified solution, Fluka) to 10% (EE stages) or 20% (all other stages) in Giemsa buffer (0.7% w/v anhydrous  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , 1% w/v anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ ). Fix blood film in methanol for  $\sim 20$  s and tip off excess methanol (it is better not to let the methanol evaporate fully). Either place individual slides face down on the surface of the stain, or if handling a batch of slides stain vertically in a Coplin jar—this is to avoid precipitated stain spoiling the final preparation. Stain exoerythrocytic stages for at least 45 min up to overnight and all other stages 10–20 min. Rinse slides very briefly in tap water (or Giemsa buffer if the tap water is acidic) and air-dry. Old 40 slides can be re fixed and stained, but the end result never surpasses the original [91].

##### Bouin's fixation of exoerythrocytic stages:

Rinse cultures in multi well slides or on coverslips briefly in PBS. Fix for 10–30 min in Bouin's fluid (5% acetic acid, 9% formaldehyde, 0.9% picric acid, Sigma-Aldrich). Stain in 10% Giemsa stain overnight. Wash briefly in Giemsa buffer, and then treat with 60% acetone in water to enhance differentiation Wash/rinse further for 20 s each in 100% acetone, Histo-Clear (National Diagnostics), and Euparal essence (Australian Entomological Supplies). Mount preparations in Euparal Vert (Australian Entomological Supplies) [92].

##### Red blood cell lysis:

##### Method A:

Resuspend pellets of asexual parasites or ookinets in cold 1 $\times$  RBC lysis buffer. Incubate on ice for 20 min. Spin cells for 5–10 min at 500  $\times g$  at  $4^\circ\text{C}$  and discard supernatant. Wash the cells if necessary twice



using PBS or culture medium.

#### Method B:

Resuspend pellet of RBC in 10 volumes of Gey's working solution and hold on ice for 1–3 min, shaking occasionally. Stop lysis by adding Iscove's Modified Dulbecco's Media (IMDM, life technologies) containing 5% FCS. Wash again with IMDM [93].

### Observation of Mosquito Stage Parasites Dissection to Isolate Mosquito Midguts

Anesthetize mosquitoes with CO<sub>2</sub> and keep immobile on ice. Place one mosquito onto microscope slide beside a drop of PBS. Hold the thorax with a 26G needle or a pair of fine forceps, pull on the penultimate abdominal segment gently using another 26G needle or fine forceps to gently withdraw the midgut, and ensure that the gut makes contact with the PBS drop. If necessary, cut off the Malpighian tubules and terminal segment, and the foregut (if it has not already separated clear of the body) [94].

#### Observation of Ookinetes from Mosquitoes:

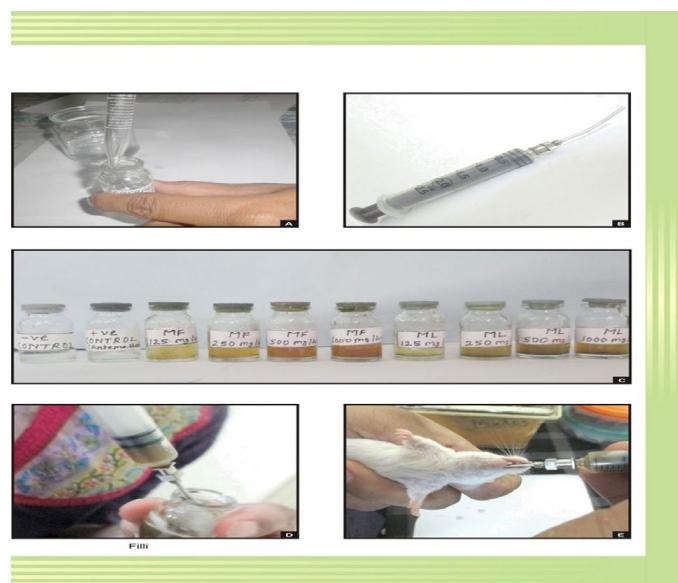
24 h after blood feeding, knock out mosquitoes with CO<sub>2</sub> and transfer to a Petri dish on ice. Dissect out blood-filled midgut (which is very delicate if fully engorged!) into a very small drop of ookinete medium (instead of PBS). With a very sharp blade make an incision in the midgut lying in the drop of ookinete medium. Gently tease the blood clear of the mosquito tissue and stir gently to produce a homogeneous suspension. If required, now make a blood smear and Giemsa stain. Alternatively, make a dilute suspension and observe directly by phase/interference contrast microscopy, or other methodology. If observation of the (fixed) midgut epithelium is required, it is easy to remove the blood meal after fixation in 4% formaldehyde for 45 s; the blood bolus is more cohesive which facilitates its removal [95].

### Observation of Oocysts on Mosquito Midguts

On days 8–12 after feeding, dissect mosquito midguts in either PBS or 1% mercurochrome in PBS. Observe by light, phase, or interference microscopy or, if using fluorescent reporter lines or tagged parasites, by fluorescence microscopy. Midguts can be fixed 30 min in 4% formaldehyde/PBS. Fixed midguts can be mounted in VECTASHIELD (Vector Labs) or in other mounting media. If a GFP-expressing parasite strain is used, mosquitoes can already be dissected on day 7 and GFP-expressing oocysts observed immediately by fluorescence microscopy. Alternatively, midguts can be fixed as above and observed at convenience [96, 97]. To count fluorescent oocysts, we refer the reader to the method. The algorithm for the semiautomated counting of microscopic images is available free of charge from the authors. Observation of Midgut Sporozoites [98]. Using the rearing protocol described above, on day 15–21 after feeding, dissect mosquito midguts as described in Subheading "Dissection to Isolate Mosquito Midguts" into PBS or RPMI. Transfer ~10 guts into a 1-ml glass homogenizer in 200 µl PBS or RPMI and homogenize with a few strokes [99]. The pestle should be a loose fit, and the strokes gentle, to ensure that the sporozoites themselves are not homogenized. Take homogenate and count sporozoites as required, e.g., in a hemocytometer (after allowing them to settle for 15 min), or if appropriate by flow cytometry. Preparation & administration of doses (Figures 9 and 10).

#### Following parameters were analysed in Complete Blood Count (CBC):

White Blood Cells (WBC) count: WBC count signifies the number



**Figure 9:** Preparation and Administration of doses 9a) Dose preparation 9b) Oral gavage for dosing 9c) Prepared doses of different concentrations 9d) filling of gavage 9e) Dose administration.



**Fig 10 a:** Mosquito eggs



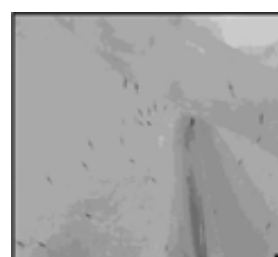
**Fig 10 b:** Rearing of mosquito



**Fig 10 c:** Mosquito larva



**Fig 10 d:** Mosquito pupa



**Fig 10 e:** Adult Mosquitoes



**Fig 10 f:** Mosquito rearing cages

**Figure 10:** Rearing and Maintenance of *Anopheles stephensi* with 10a) Mosquito eggs 10b) Rearing of mosquito 10c) Mosquito larva 10d) Mosquito pupa 10e) Adult mosquito 10f) Mosquito rearing.

of white blood cells in the blood in cells per microliter (µl) [100, 101]. The cells in the WBC differential count are typically listed separately. Red Blood Corpuscles (RBC) count: RBC count measures the number

of Red Blood Corpuscles in a volume of blood and it is usually million cells per microliter ( $\mu\text{L}$ ). Haemoglobin (HGB) Concentration: HGB Measures the amount of haemoglobin molecule in a volume of blood in grams per deciliter (g/dL) (one-hundredth of a liter) [102, 103]. Hematocrit (HCT) value: HCT value signifies the percentage of the whole blood occupied by Red Blood Corpuscles. Platelets (PLT) Count: It measures the number of platelets in a volume of blood in per microliter ( $\mu\text{L}$ ). A low platelet count (thrombocytopenia) may also be detected in the complete blood count [105]. Mean Corpuscles Volume (MCV): MCV is the measurement of the average size or volume of a typical red blood cell in a blood sample in femtoliters (fL) (a fraction of one-millionth of a liter) [106, 107]. Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin (MCH): MCH measures the amount of haemoglobin in an average red blood cell in pictograms (pg) (a small fraction of a gram) [108, 109]. Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration (MCHC): MCHC measures the average haemoglobin concentration in a volume of blood gram per decilitre (g/dL) [110, 111].

## Observations

### Percent parasitaemia:

Percent parasitaemia was calculated by recording the number of parasites in nearly 10-50. Percent parasitaemia was recorded from day 7 to day 25 (Since the mice in positive control survived average approximately 25 days) or till death of mice after each 48hr.

### Percent suppression:

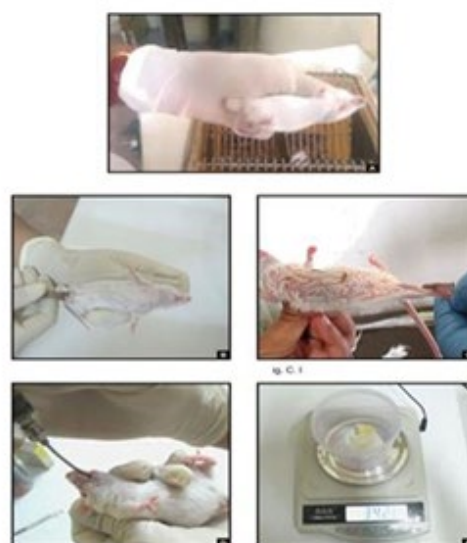
The suppression in parasitaemia with respect to control group was determined after recording the parasite counts for different dose groups. The relative percent suppression with respect to the control group was used. Weight of mice: Weight of each mice before infection (day 0) and day 7 to day 25 or till death of mice after each 48hr. Mean Survival Time (MST): Mean Survival Time is the arithmetic mean of the survival time of different mice used in a particular experimental

group. The day of death of mice was recorded once a day between 9- 10 A.M

### Experimental A.

Handling of mice B. passing of mice plasmodium voelli C. Intra muscular injection of arthemethin D oral dosing of Chloroquine E. weighing of mice (Figure 12)

### Staining of blood sample (Figure 13)



**Figure 12:** Experiment 2 12a) Handling of mice 12b) passing of mice plasmodium voelli 12c) Intra muscular injection of arthemethin 12d) oral dosing of Chloroquine E. weighing of mice



**Figure 11:** Rearing and Maintenance of Swiss albino mice.



**Figure 13:** Staining of blood sample 13a) mice blood smear 13b) blood smear preparation 13c) drying blood smear 13d) staining with giemsa 13e) prepared slide for observation.



## Different stages of Plasmodium yoelii in blood smear (Figure 14)

### Experimental findings laboratory rearing of Anopheles stephensi malaria mosquitoes and swiss albino mice (mus musculus)

Since work is related with malaria, so it was important to know the detail life cycle Anopheles stephensi (L.) in the laboratory as a part of experimental protocol.

#### Rearing of Anopheles stephensi:

The laboratory culture of Anopheles stephensi (L.) was done under optimum environmental conditions. The larvae were collected from river pockets from nearby village of Bedla and different other locations of Udaipur district and cultured in the laboratory to establish pure line culture.

#### Eggs:

In the laboratory total numbers of eggs laid by five females were 247, 325 and 164 after 24, 48 and 72 hours respectively, with an average of 147.2 eggs per female after 72 hours. The incubation period ranged from 2-3 days, with an average of 2.30 days.

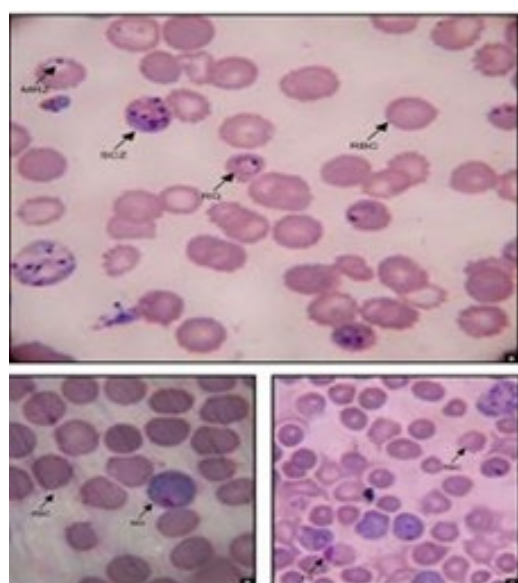
#### Larvae:

There were four larval instars in the life cycle of Anopheles stephensi (L.), with an average of 14-16 days, as reported earlier by many workers under optimum abiotic conditions. In the present study larval period ranged from 10-13 days with an average of 11.60 days at an average of 27.92°C temperature and 70.54 per cent relative humidity.

#### Pupae:

Pupal stage is the last aquatic stage of mosquito life cycle. It is a non-feeding stage, but marks the beginning of adult life and end of larval life. Biology of mosquitoes in the laboratory revealed an average of 2.40 days of pupal period at 28.06 degree temperature, and 69.29 percent of relative humidity.

#### Adult:



**Figure 14:** Red Blood Corpuscles (RBC), Merozoite (MRZ), Schizont (SCZ), Ring (RG) (x100) Red Blood Corpuscles (RBC), Male Gametophyte (MG) (x100) Red Blood Corpuscles (RBC), Female Gametophyte (FG) (x100).

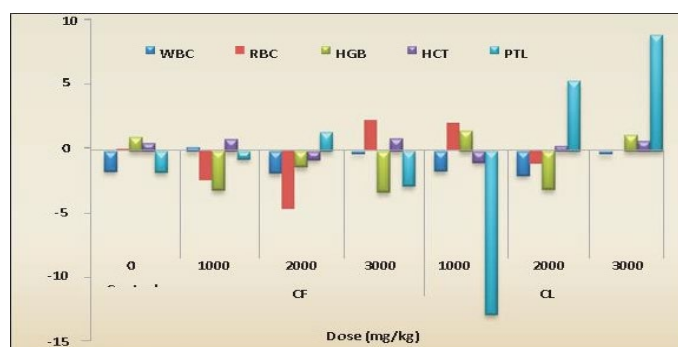
Adult is the reproductive stage of mosquito life cycle that lasts for 3-6 days. Male and female depended on fruit juices for their development, but females need blood for the growth of eggs. The average adult life span noted was 4.60 days in the laboratory. The study in laboratory showed that the mean of total life cycle was completed in 20.90 days, with a temperature of 28°C and 70.08 percent relative humidity [112].

#### Rearing of Swiss albino mice:

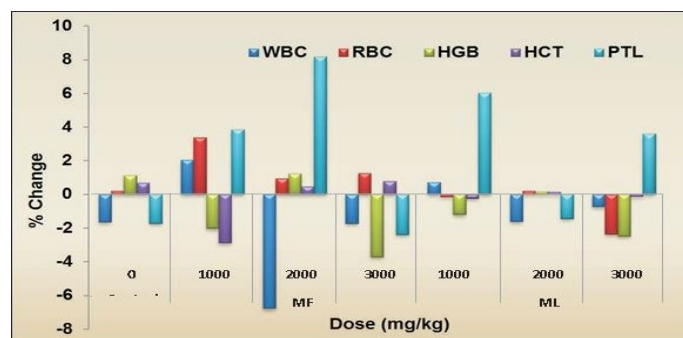
Swiss albino mice were properly reared in the laboratory by providing following facilities and environmental conditions: The light cycle of 12:12 or 10:14 hrs (light: dark) was required for normal physiological and behaviour parameters of mice like regulating growth, metabolic, endocrine, and immunological parameters. light intensity for albino mice was best below 25lux for their normal behaviour, as well as progression of eye pathology and reproductive parameters. Comfort room temperature range for mice housing was between 20 and 26°C, this range is required for proper metabolism, cardiovascular function, motor activity, growth and development, consumption of food and water, haematology and serological parameters, susceptibility to toxins, sleep depth and behaviour. A relative ambient humidity for mice rearing was 55±15 percent for proper thermoregulation as well as for transmission of pathogens. Colorless, tinted transparent cages or white opaque cages are preferred for housing of mice and this cage design permits, mice in climbing which is a regular component of locomotor activity of mice. Pellet diet supplemented with soaked grains was found to be preferable and nutritive for mice. Mice are social animals and should, wherever possible, be maintained in stable, harmonious social groups. Proper housing allows mice the opportunity for social interaction, the opportunity to carry out normal behaviours and the opportunity to rest and withdraw from each other. Normal behaviours of mice include eating, drinking, urinating, defecating, foraging, exploring, gnawing, hiding, climbing, playing, nesting, digging and engaging in a range of social activities (Figure 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20) [113].

## Result and Discussion

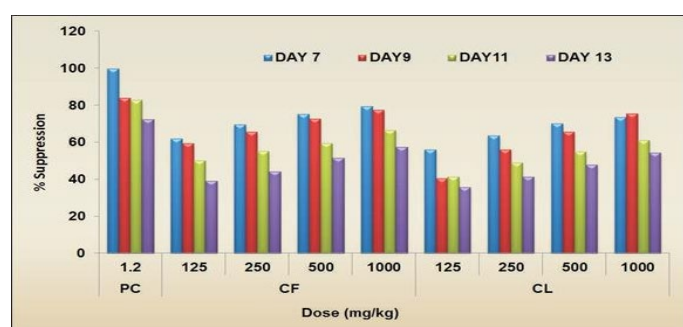
The metabolic stability of the primaquine-chloroquine hybrid positions was designed, synthesized, and investigated. Furthermore, because the electron-withdrawing effect of the para-quinoline amine reduces the nucleophilicity of the 4-amino-7-chloro-quinoline portion, it was shown to be unreactive in both reductive amination and nucleophilic substitution processes (route C). The next step was to look at methods A and D, which entail coupling of the side chain's terminal amino group to the primaquine or chloroquine's aminoquinoline core. Unfortunately, the nucleophilic substitution starting material necessary for route A was not readily available, making this method impractical.



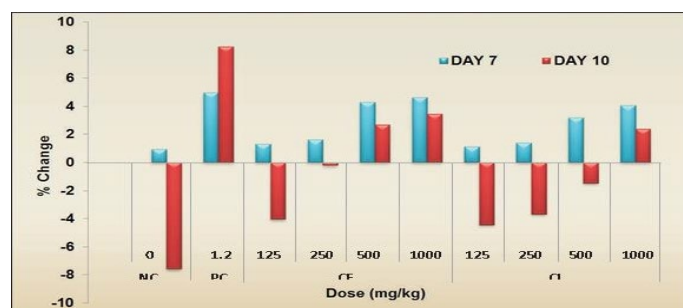
**Figure 15:** Evaluation of Sub-acute toxicity with CQ against Haematological parameters of Swiss albino.



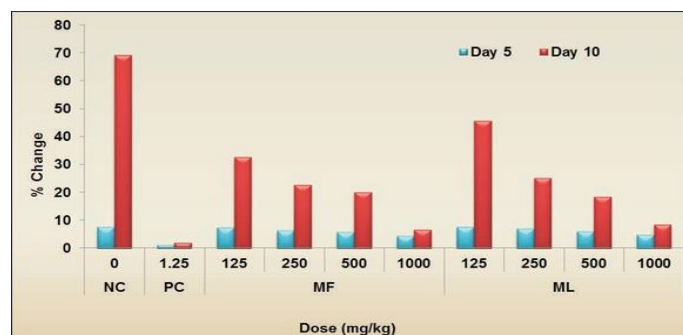
**Figure 16:** Evaluation of Sub-acute toxicity PQ against Haematological parameters of Swiss albino mice.



**Figure 17:** Prophylactic effect CQ extracts against suppression Level of Plasmodium yoelii infected Swiss albino mice.

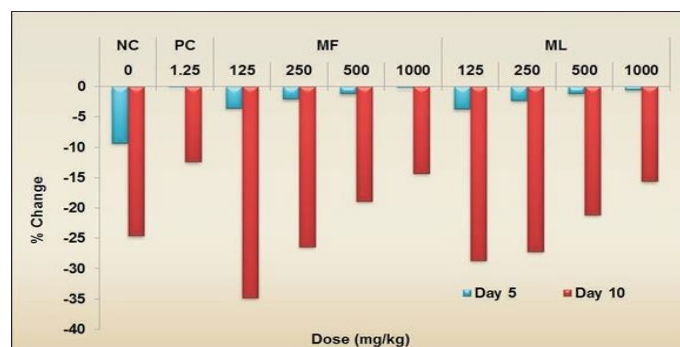


**Figure 18:** Prophylactic effect of PQ extracts against body weight of Plasmodium yoelii infected Swiss albino mice.



**Figure 19:** Effect of CQ extracts against Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin (MCH) of Plasmodium yoelii infected Swiss albino mice.

Meanwhile, both of the route D precursors, 4,7-dichloroquinoline and primaquine (1), are commercially available. As a result, route D appeared to be the best option. Due to primaquine's redox-active characteristics, limited yields of isolated product were obtained. Our



**Figure 20:** Effect of PQ against Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration (MCHC) of Plasmodium yoelii infected Swiss albino mice.

efforts to improve the process revealed that nucleophilic substitution worked well at 120°C without the need of a catalyst. This new technique was less expensive and better suited to scaling up. Due to the reduced amount of reagents and side products, the product was also easier to purify. In rat liver microsomes, the hybrid 3's metabolic stability was studied [114, 115].

A series of microsomal incubations with four different rat liver microsomes were used to determine the enzymatic stability. The various activity of the cytochrome P450 monooxygenases (CYP) and CYP isozymes characterise the microsomes used in the studies. The metabolization of the hybrid 3 was temporal and microsome dependent. The metabolic rate of the hybrid compound ranged from 20% (microsomes from female rats) to 80% after 90 minutes of incubation (microsomes from PB and bNF induced male rats). When ion pair chromatograms from microsomal incubations were compared to chromatograms from control samples, the number of extra peaks seen ranged from 9 (female rats) to 15 (microsomes from PB + bNF induced male rats) [116].

Two of the additional peaks were ascribed to the aminoquinoline moieties of primaquine and chloroquine, namely 6-methyl-8-aminoquinoline and 4-amino-7-chloroquinoline, by co-chromatography with the reference compounds. Because only two reference substances were available at the time, it's unclear to what extent other additional peaks are hybrid 3 metabolites. Identifying the remaining peaks and assigning a value In a follow-up study, the metabolites will be studied. Pharmacokinetic investigations in vivo can be carried out once the principal metabolites and their conjugates have been identified [117, 118].

To test our hypothesis of integrating the activities of the two pharmacophores of primaquine and chloroquine into a single hybrid molecule 3, we looked at its effects on different Plasmodium stages in vitro and in vivo on several platforms. As a result, the hybrid 3's effects on sporozoite gliding motility, liver-stage development within hepatocytes, asexual blood stages, and gametocytes were investigated. We also tested the drug in an in vivo *P. berghei* animal model to see if it has preventive (pre-blood infection) and curative (blood infection) efficacy against the liver and blood stages, respectively [119].

The hybrid compound 3 isn't one of them. In vitro, it has a large influence on sporozoite motility but has little effect on hepatocyte invasion. In vitro, sporozoites exhibit gliding motility, which is a type of locomotive movement. By staining for the track of produced CSP, the GPI-anchored surface protein completely covering the sporozoite surface, we investigated the in vitro motility behaviour of the sporozoites under the influence of the hybrid. There was a significant or



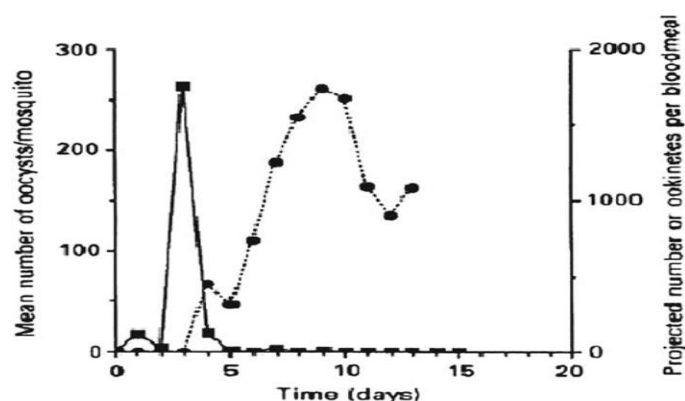
dose-dependent effect, according to the results. In addition, we tested the hybrid's effect on parasite invasion in vitro, but the results were inconclusive and ineffective (Figure 21).

#### **In vitro, the hybrid molecule has a strong inhibitory effect on liver-stage development.**

In vitro, the hybrid compound exhibits strong inhibitory effect against liver-stage development. When a sporozoite invades a hepatocyte, it forms a sporozoite. The vacuole of a parasite changes into a round-shaped liver stage. We were able to test for action against the established hepatic stages post invasion in human hepatoma cells by adding 3 to the media after sporozoite invasion. In comparison to untreated controls, we used immunofluorescence microscopy to examine the inhibitory effect of the hybrid on the morphology (size and shape) and developmental stage of liver stages. Under confocal microscope analysis, the diameter of the fluorescent signal produced by the liver-stage parasite was measured, and the number of parasites in each well was counted. When compared to the untreated control, the hybrid molecule 3 induced an overall decrease in the number of liver stages per well at 48 hours, implying that a therapeutic effect could be achieved. IFA was able to detect just a small percentage of parasites because they were completely destroyed or otherwise harmed. When parasite size was compared to the control, parasite size was found to be less [120, 121].

24 hours after invasion, the size of the uninhibited liver stage in the untreated control was reduced to 80% of its original size at 1 M, where 100% would reflect the mean size of the uninhibited liver stage in the untreated control. At later time periods, this mild suppression of liver-stage development became more significant, with a size of 46 percent recorded at a concentration of 1M, 48 hours after invasion, which is comparable to the inhibition seen with Primaquine at 10 M. (standard in vitro inhibitory concentration). The hybrid compound 3 displayed intermediate inhibition at 100 nM, with a size of about 60%. When seen as a whole, these findings show that the new hybrid molecule 3 has potential effects in vitro against the parasite's liver stages, or pre-pathological stages [122].

Asexual blood stages, including Chloroquine-resistant strains, are active against the hybrid compound. Using the Malstat assay and the hypoxanthine incorporation assay, we examined the activity of the hybrid molecule 3 against the blood stages of three different Plasmodium falciparum strains: K1, Dd2, and 3D7. The former two are Chloroquine-resistant, whilst the latter is Chloroquine-sensitive. With an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.64 0.046 M, the hybrid 3 is active against 3D7. There were no extra or synergistic effects when Primaquine and chloroquine were used together at the same concentration (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.03 0.012 M).



**Figure 21:** The relationship between the productions of mature gametocytes (as indicated by ookinete production in vitro) dotted line, and the ability to infect mosquitoes in vivo from the same mouse solid line.

Primaquine (IC<sub>50</sub> = 3.11 1.536 M) has no synergistic effects when combined with other drugs. 3D7 is a 3D7 strain. As a result, the activity of 3 for 3D7 is lower than that of Chloroquine, falling somewhere between Primaquine and Chloroquine, implying that it is a less potent schizonticidal against 3D7. Surprisingly, 3 has an inhibitory impact against the chloroquine-resistant strain Dd2 (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.58 0.185 M), which is equivalent to its action against 3D7. The hybrid molecule is somewhat more effective than the combination of and (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.19 0.035 M). Surprisingly, the findings suggest that primaquine's previously documented resistance-reversing action may also occur in the K1 strain. In comparison to 3D7 or Dd2 471 (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.08 0.0048 M), the hybrid 3 has extremely good and much better activity against this strain. It's around six times as large more effective than primaquine (1, IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.46 0.08 M) and chloroquine (2, IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.146 0.02 M). The pharmacophore combination of Chloroquine and Primaquine was likewise more effective than 3D7 and Dd2, but not as successful as the hybrid molecule (data not shown). The equimolar combination of both i.e. combined administration at similar concentrations (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.169 M), provided a modest extra impact, but was less potent than the hybrid compound 3. This is just another example of Primaquine's resistance-reversing ability (1). As a result, the hybrid 3 is the most active in the most resistant strain K1, outperforming the equimolar combination of mother medicines, Primaquine as well as Chloroquine [123, 124].

We share our findings in this thesis. The concept of a unique hybrid consisting of the pharmacophores Primaquine and Chloroquine coupled together in an authentic form without the introduction of new functional groups has been proposed for the first time. We provide evidence for varying activities against all stages of Plasmodium in the mammalian host in vitro (against liver-stage development, asexual and sexual blood-stage development), as well as demonstrate its prophylactic and therapeutic potential in vivo, in contrast to most previous publications. Since Primaquine is thought to be a pro-drug, its hydroxylated metabolites, such as quinone, are thought to be responsible for its mechanism of action which means the translational potential of our in vitro data to in vivo activity must be approached with care. Our hybrid shows varying but interesting activities against *P. falciparum* in vitro: it shows a small intermediate activity against Dd2 and 3D7, but a strong activity against Chloroquine-resistant strain K1, indicating a resistance-reversion impact. Furthermore, our novel hybrid 3 has a high inhibitory effect against *P. berghei* asexual blood stages in vivo and an inhibitory effect against *P. berghei* liver stages in vitro, with a preventive effect seen in rodent experiments. This prophylactic impact did not result in complete eradication of intrahepatic parasites, but it did result in a prophylactic delay in clinical malaria onset. We choose the subcutaneous and intraperitoneal routes of administration because they are best defined in the Plasmodium rodent infection model, even though Chloroquine and Primaquine are commonly given orally in the field, and a human translational strategy would be more appropriate. This administration approach will involve field trials. The hybrid 3 was capable of completely preventing blood-stage patency in 66 percent of rats at the maximum dose supplied up to day 30 post-infection. This could be the case either to parasite eradication at the liver stage, or a reduction in liver load sufficient to diminish the amount of merozoites egressing from the liver to be destroyed by the immune system, or by the hybrid molecule itself. Given that a single injection is enough to produce infection, the other scenario may be more likely. Indeed, the hybrid proved effective against chloroquine-resistant *P. falciparum* blood forms, with a significantly lower IC<sub>50</sub> than strain K1, which is commonly utilised. *P. falciparum* strains that are resistant to chloroquine and pyrimethamine have been identified by research groups as the standard Chloroquine and pyrimethamine-resistant *P.*

*falciparum* strain. This is noteworthy because the hybrid's blood-stage action is conferred by the pharmacophore of Chloroquine. It is possible to speculate on the nature of this activity against chloroquine-resistant strains. Due to an interaction with the PfCRT, the Primaquine pharmacophore component attaching more readily to its machinery than chloroquine due to its higher lipophilicity. Primaquine has previously been shown to be a chloroquine resistance reverser in *P. falciparum*. Primaquine is more effective in this regard than the first described 'resistance-reversing agent,' verapamil, in terms of preventing Chloroquine ejection and inhibiting hemozoin crystallisation. Within the authorised therapeutic dosage of Primaquine treatment, it has been suggested that combining Primaquine and Chloroquine therapy could be a cheap and easy way to revive and extend the life of chloroquine in the field. Our hybrid proposes a new way to accomplish the same therapeutic goal using a single chemical with a single pharmacokinetic profile and half life.

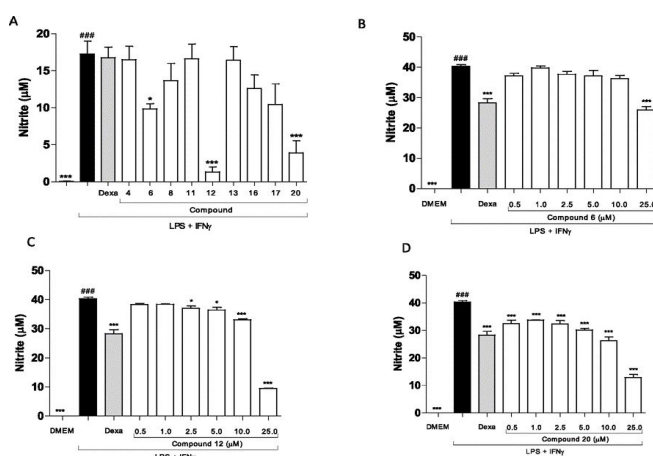
As a result, the therapeutic potential of a primaquine–chloroquine hybrid 3 is significant. Effective parasite suppression in the liver targets the parasite at a developing bridge head, the rallying point before the erythrocyte attack. Targeting the parasite at this phase acts as a preventative measure to avoid clinical signs from developing. It has been established that Primaquine is a safe and efficient prophylactic drug.

Non-pregnant women and tourists with a normal glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase level are protected from malaria. It may also give a solution to hypnozoite-forming *Plasmodium* infections, such as *P. vivax*, where recrudescence due to reactivation of dormant liver-stage forms can occur months or years after infection. Aside from the obvious therapeutic potential of the action against pathology-inducing parasite blood stages, the hybrid's small but apparent activity against gametocytes is intriguing and clinically relevant. Eradication of these forms would not only be curative, but it would also halt the vicious cycle of mosquito re-infection and prevent the spread of drug-resistant parasite genotypes. This synthesis' activity is proof of concept. That inhibition is achievable, which opens the door for future synthetic improvements. The capacity of the primaquine–chloroquine hybrid 3 to inhibit the liver and blood stages of mammalian *Plasmodium* infection in vitro and in vivo is described for the first time in this paper.

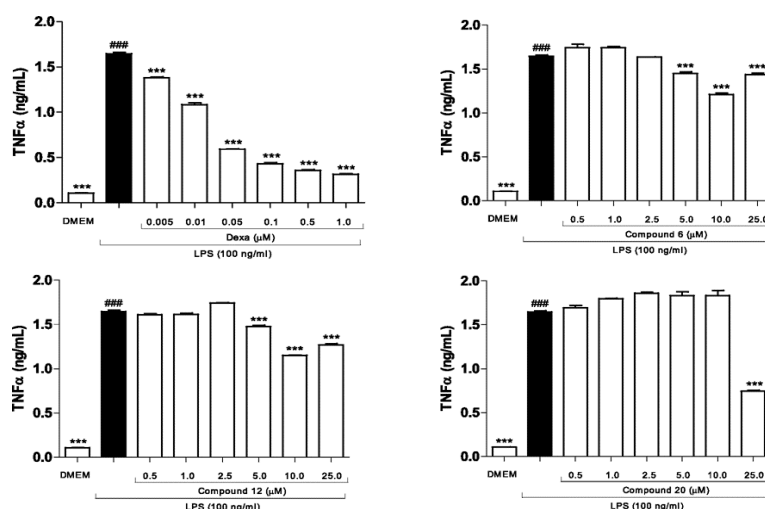
Compounds (I and II) were employed as bio isosteres of anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen and diclofenac as dual-activity antimalarial treatments capable of killing the parasite in the human blood and blocking transmission, i.e., those that can

target both asexual parasites and Plasmodium hybrids. They include the 2-(2-acetamidophenyl)-2,2-gem-difluoroacetamide (I) or 2-(2-acetamidophenyl)-2-oxoacetamide (II) moieties, which have previously been shown to have anti-inflammatory activity.<sup>26</sup> To make scaffolds, the quinolinic pharmacophoric group of CQ was connected to linker groups containing 2–4 (CH<sub>2</sub>) units, yielding compounds 1–13. Compounds 14–21 were also made by directly binding the acetamide skeletons to PQ. The goal of this research is to find chemicals that can kill *Plasmodium* while also acting on the inflammatory process generated by malaria infection. Novel PQ-derived compounds could have a broad spectrum of activity against all types of *Plasmodium* involved in the biological cycle of malaria in the human host, and could offer new therapy options for *P. vivax* malaria. These PQ compounds can help prevent the spread of malaria.

Additionally, PQ is a parasite-prevention medicine that works against gametocytes, which are the sexual form of the parasite. The parasite's gametocytes, which are responsible for its development, should be valued and required. The process of molecular hybridization entails joining two pharmacophoric groups from different chemicals to form a single molecule. This new molecule, which is now known as a hybrid, may have the same or better activity as the precursor compound. It can function through the same mechanism as the precursor drug or in distinct ways, allowing resistance mechanisms to be avoided. These traits are critical when it comes to getting medications for the treatment of endemic diseases in underserved communities, such as malaria sufferers. We've used the hybridization method extensively to create a variety of hybrids that are resistant to *P. falciparum*. A prototype was created after 22 CQ and sulfadoxine hybrids were designed. That was more effective than both of the precursor medications combined.<sup>23</sup> We discovered new compounds among the nonquinoline derivatives, namely inhibitors of the *P. falciparum* dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (PfDHODH) enzyme. These triazolo pyrimidine and pyrazolopyrimidine derivatives are prototypes for novel molecules to be synthesised. In vitro, both asexual and sexual *P. falciparum* blood stages, as well as *P. berghei* sporozoites and liver stages, are active against the hybrid molecules 3. The hybrid is active against *P. berghei* liver and blood stages in vivo. Our plan work has effectively validated the concept of combining distinct mechanisms of action to attack different plasmodium stages in the mammalian host with a single chemical. Our goal is that the innovative design of such a chemical will outsmart the pathogen in medication distribution resistances (Figure 22, 23).



**Figure 22:** Initial screening for anti-inflammatory activity of selected compounds on nitric oxide (NO) production by LPS (37.5 ng/ml) IFN $\gamma$  (25 U/ml)-stimulated J774A.1 macrophages (A). Concentration-response curves for compounds 6 (B), 12 (C) and 20 (D) on NO production by J774A.1 macrophages. The results are represented by the mean SEM002C and significant differences from the positive control were determined by ANOVA followed by Dunnet's post hoc test. ### P < 0.0001 compared to vehicle (0.2% DMSO) and \*\*\* P < 0.0001 compared to the positive control.



**Figure 23:** Effect of dexamethasone and compounds 6, 12 and 20 on LPS-induced TNFα production by J774A.1 macrophages. The results are represented by the mean SEM, and significant differences from the positive control were determined by ANOVA followed by Dunnet's post hoc test. ### P < 0.0001 compared to vehicle (DMSO) and \*\*\* P < 0.0001 compared to the positive control.

## Conclusion

The findings suggest a practical and fascinating strategy to developing new chemical entities for the treatment of malaria caused by *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax*, as well as the anti-inflammatory mechanism associated with the condition. Twenty-one novel CQ and PQ compounds (1–21) were synthesised and evaluated in vitro against the CQR clone of *P. falciparum* (W2). With IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.12 to 3.18 M, the carbonylated CQ derivatives 1–10 showed action. The most effective of the compounds in this series was compound 6 (n = 3; R = Cl). Compound 8 (n = 4; R = H), on the other hand, was also powerful and had the best selectivity. When compared to carbonylated analogues, gem-difluorinated CQ derivatives (10–13) showed no significant changes. When evaluating them as linkers based on carbon numbers, it was impossible to argue that one series was much superior to the other. Carbonylated 14–17 PQ derivatives and gem-difluorinated 18–19 PQ derivatives were the least powerful CQ derivatives. The best of this series were compound 17 (R = Br) and its gem-difluorinated counterpart 21, which had IC<sub>50</sub> values of 2.50 and 3.50 M, respectively. When employed at a high dose (50 mg/kg), compound 20 (R = Cl) showed strong transmission inhibition of the malaria sporogonic cycle in mosquitoes, compared to PQ, which completely inhibited the cycle when administered at a level of 15 mg/kg. In mice infected with *P. berghei*, compound 8 (n = 4; R = H) reduced parasitemia by up to 37% (25 mg/kg) on day 7 following inoculation.

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