



Most importantly, piperine inhibits P-gp and CYP3A4 that are expressed in enterocytes of the gut wall and hepatocytes of the liver that contribute to a major extent of pre-systemic elimination of many drugs resulting in poor bioavailability. Sinomenine, another alkaloid extracted from *Sinomenium acutum*, was reported to enhance the bioavailability of a monoterpene glucoside used for inflammation and arthritis. The underlying mechanism of this effect was specific inhibition of P-gp transporters responsible for its excretion [12]. Quercetin is a plant derived flavonoid that is found mainly in citrus fruits, vegetables, leaves, and grains that has been reported to enhance the bioavailability of various drugs including, pioglitazone, diltiazem, digoxin, and epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG) [13,14]. It exhibited the bioenhancing property by inhibition of CYP3A4 enzymes and/or P-gp and MDR transporters.

Naringin, a flavonoid glycoside found in grapefruit, apples, onions, and tea also act by the inhibition of CYP3A4, CYP3A1/2, and P-gp and enhanced bioavailability of various drugs including diltiazem, verapamil, paclitaxel, etc. in vivo [15-18]. Genistein, an intense phytoestrogen, is an isoflavone flavonoid found in dietary plants such as soybean and kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*). It exhibits its bioenhancing properties on various drugs including paclitaxel and EGCG through inhibition of CYP3A, P-gp, MRP2, and BCRP transporters [19]. Although this bioenhancer could be used with anticancer drugs given its excretion transporter and CYP enzyme inhibitory action of

paclitaxel and docetaxel

