



## Overview on Antihypertensive Effect of Modern Marine Drugs for Hypertensive Disorder

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### ABSTRACT

An alternative option to overcome these side effect is marine drugs. Marine drugs exhibits various beneficial biological activities such as anticancer, antioxidant, antihypertensive. Hypertension, or high blood pressure is a serious health problem because it can lead stroke, heart attack, heart failure or kidney disease.

Angiotensin- I converting enzyme (ACE) plays an important physiological role in regulation of blood pressure by converting angiotensin-I to angiotensin-II a potent vasoconstrictor. Therefore, the inhibition of ACE activity is a major target in the prevention of hypertension. Recently, the search for natural ACE inhibitors as alternatives to Synthetic drugs is of great interest side to prevent several side effects and a number of novel compounds such as bioactive peptides and phlorotannins have been derived from marine organisms as potential ACE inhibitors. These inhibitory derivatives can be developed as nutraceuticals and pharmaceutical with

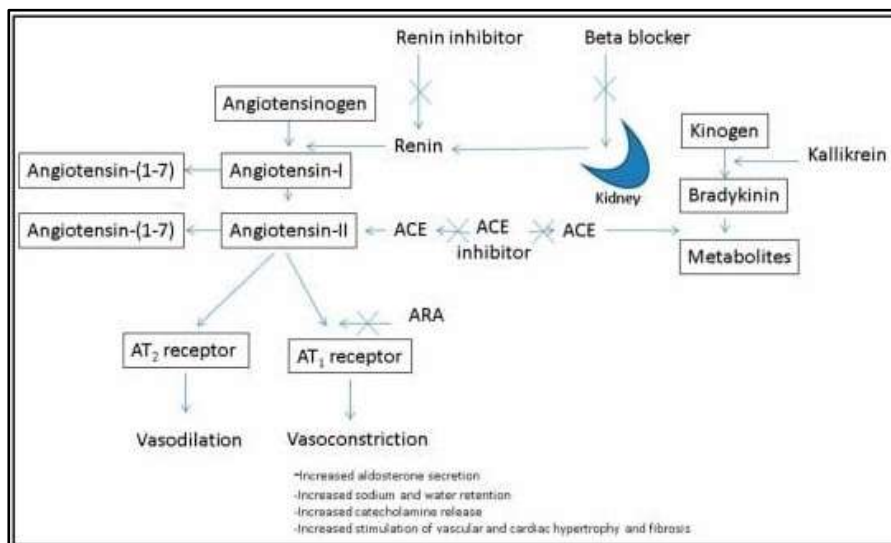
potential to prevent hypertension. Hence, the aim of this review is to discuss marine - derived ACE inhibitors and drug candidates for treating hypertension.

**Keywords:** Antihypertensive, marine drugs, Hypertension, bioactive peptides, angiotensin-I-converting enzyme

### I. INTRODUCTION

hypertension is a common serious chronic factor, which seriously affects about 25% adult population worldwide and is a causative factor of cardiovascular disease; stroke, renal diseases, among others [1]. Number of CVD cases have nearly doubled during the past 2 decades due to inappropriate dietary habits (a diet high in saturated fat and cholesterol) and lifestyle (overweight 1 billion and 312 million obese adults) [2].

Figure 1:-



**Figure 1. The Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS) can be inhibited by ACE-I inhibitors, angiotensin II type 1 receptor antagonists (ARA), renin inhibitors and beta blockers. ACE-I also plays a role in bradykinin metabolism and metabolism of angiotensin-(1-7)[3].**

Renin-angiotensin system (RAS) is the important regulator of blood pressure homeostasis in mammals[4]. In renin-angiotensin system it inactivates the vasodilator bradykinin, which has a depressor action as well as promotes the conversion of ang-I to the potent vasoconstrictor ang-II [5]. 70% of earth's surface, nearly ocean cover and posses nearly three lakh deserted species of plants and animals from marine sources [6].

Captopril, Benzepiril, enalapril, perindopril, zefenoprilare synthetic ACE inhibitors as associated with various side effects; such as cough & taste disturbances, allergic reaction and skin rashes [7, 8]. Therefore, safer alternatives are desirable. Recently, many peptides have been isolated from food-derived marine protein hydroxylates, such as cad, sea cucumber, collagen, shrimp, salmon and squid skin,[9] jellyfish, collagen,actinopyga,Lecanora [10].

Bioactive molecules containing functional foods or dietary supplements are come under nutraceuticals. In recent years, natural sources such as terrestrial and marine plants, animals or even microorganisms have become sustainable solution and get functional and bioactive compound that offers new molecules with strong biological activity[11].

Due to their high-value metabolites with specific activities and promising benefits, marine

organisms like fish, shellfish, seaweeds, microalgae, molluscs, crustaceans and cephalopods are rich sources of bioactive compounds[12].

According to researches, it has proved that marine-derived bioactive peptides, chitooligosaccharide derivatives (COS) and Phlorotannins have potent ACE inhibitory activity. Peptides derived from fish protein hydrolysate have been shown antihypertensive effects by blocking the calcium channels.

As antioxidants, Anti-hypertensive ,antitumour, anticoagulant and antimicrobial components in functional foods or nutraceuticals and pharmaceutical due to their health benefits and therapeutic potentials marine bioactive compounds can be used[13,14].

## II. PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF HYPERTENSION:

A number of physiological mechanisms are involved in the maintenance of normal BP, and their derangement may play a part in the development of essential hypertension. Among the factors that have been intensively studied are salt intake, obesity and insulin resistance, the renin-angiotensin system, sympathetic nervous system, endothelial dysfunction (as manifested by changes in endothelin and nitric oxide) [15].

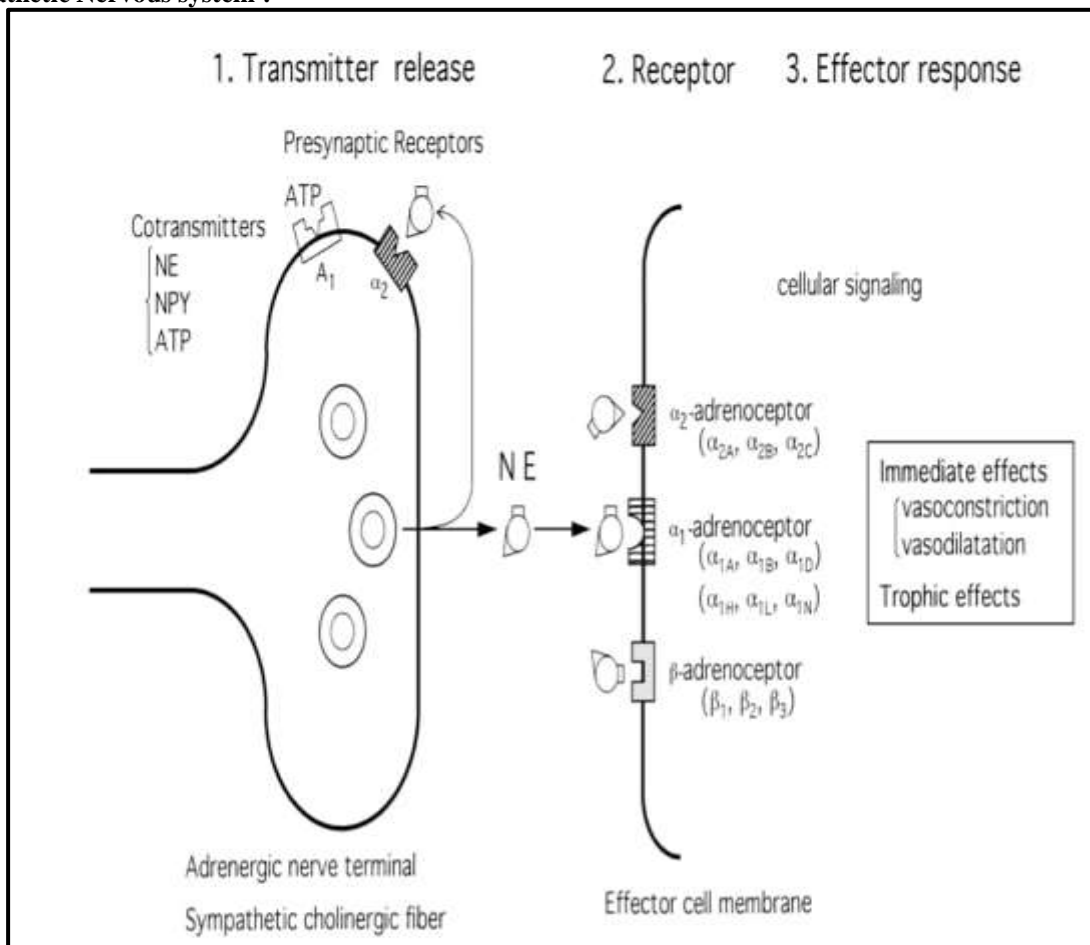


Endothelium-derived vasoactive substance. NO is released from endothelial cells in response to shear stress and to activation of a variety of receptors. NO exerts vasodilating and antiproliferative effects on smooth muscle cells & inhibits thrombocyte aggregation and leukocyte adhesion. ET-1 exerts its major vascular effects - vasoconstriction and cell proliferation- through activation of specific ETA receptors on vascular smooth muscle cells. In contrast, endothelial ETB receptors mediate vasodilation via release of NO and prostacyclin.

Additionally, ETB receptors in the lung were shown to be a major pathway for the clearance of ET-1 from plasma. ACE denotes angiotensin-

converting enzyme; Ach, acetylcholine; A-I, Angiotensin-I; A-II, Angiotensin-II; AT1, angiotensin 1 receptor; Bk, bradykinin; cox, cyclooxygenase ; ECE ,ET-converting enzyme ; EDHF, endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factor; ETA and ETB ; endothelin A and B receptors; ET-I, endothelin-1; L-Arg ,L-arginine; PGH<sub>2</sub>, prostaglandin H<sub>2</sub>; PGI<sub>2</sub>, prostacyclin; S, serotonergic receptor; T, thromboxane receptor ;Thr, thrombin; TQFB<sub>1</sub>, transforming growth facto - B<sub>1</sub>; TXA<sub>2</sub> ,thromboxane; 5-HT, 5-hydroxy-tryptamine (serotonin). Modified from Luscher &Noll [26].

**Sympathetic Nervous system :-**



**Figure No. 3- Sympathetic nervous system [27]**

Diagram of the sympathetic nerve and adrenergic neuroeffector mechanism 1. Transmitter release from the sympathetic nerve terminal : sympathetic nerve fibre may contain three cotransmitters , i.e. norepinephrine (NE),neuropeptide Y (NPY) and ATP. Release of main transmitter NE may be presynaptically modulated by  $\alpha$ 2-adrenoceptor, A1 adenosine receptor, etc. There may be dopaminergic as well as cholinergic fibers in the special organs. 2.

Adrenoceptors on the effector cell membrane. There are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -adrenoceptors and subtypes:  $\alpha$ 1( $\alpha$ 1A,  $\alpha$ 1B &  $\alpha$ 1D;  $\alpha$ 1H; $\alpha$ 12 &  $\alpha$ 1n),  $\alpha$ 2( $\alpha$ 2A, $\alpha$ 2B &  $\alpha$ 2C) &  $\beta$ 1, $\beta$ 2 &  $\beta$ 3. There may be remarkable regional differences in the population of adrenoceptor subtypes. 3. Effector responses. Sympathetic nerves have both immediate effects-contraction and dilation, differing from vessel to vessel-as well as long term trophic effects on blood vessels [27].

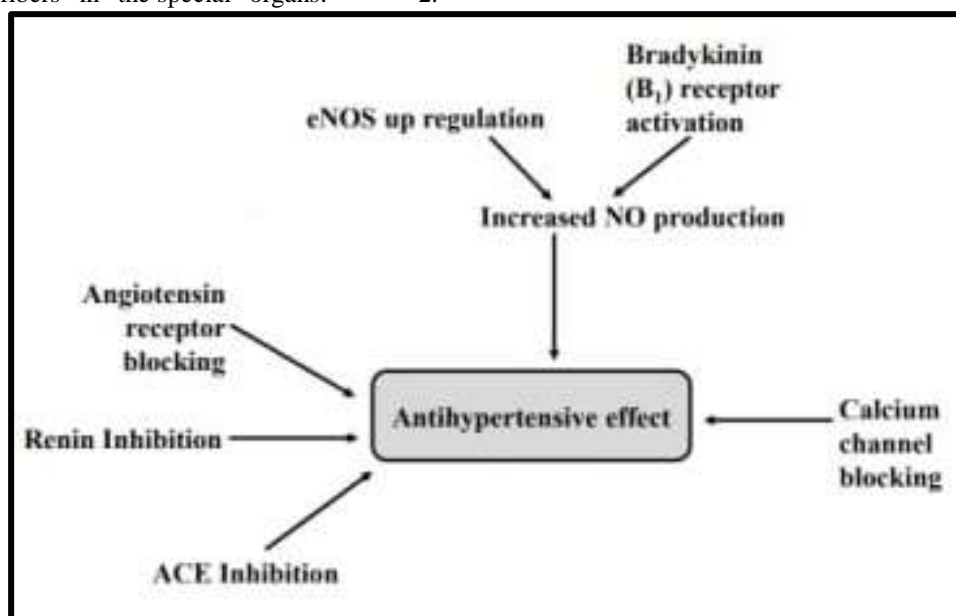


Figure No. 4- Various Vasodilatory mechanisms of different peptides are summarized[28].

### III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Marine derived ACE inhibitors and their Anti-hypertensive activity: There are different categories of marine antihypertensive agent which are as shown in figure no.5-

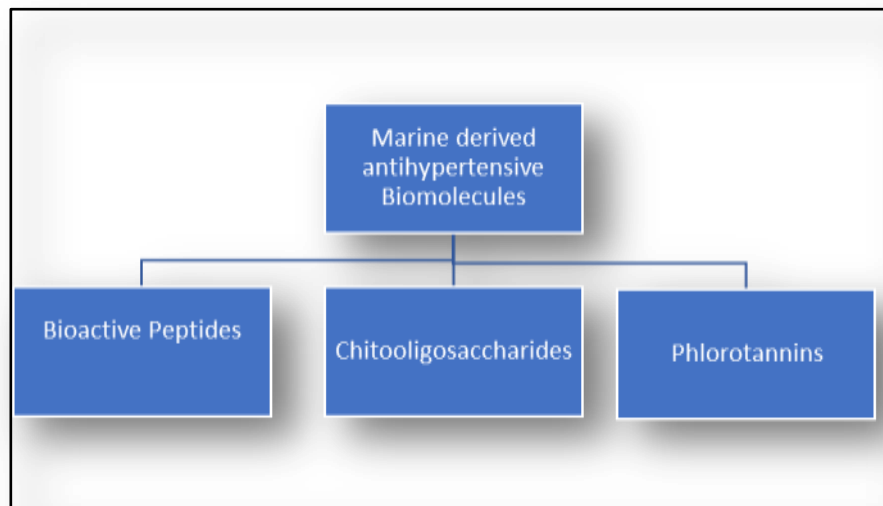
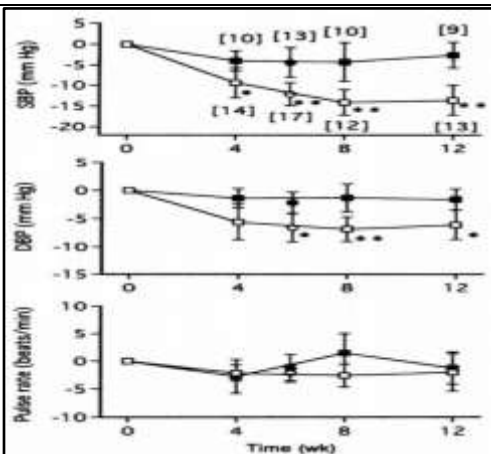


Figure No. 5 – Various classes of marine derived hypertensive

**1.1. BIOACTIVE PEPTIDES:**

Isolation of first ACE inhibitory peptide from snake venom .Many other ACE inhibitory peptides have been discovered in the enzymatic hydrolysates of various food proteins, including animal, plant & microorganism derived peptide[29]. These agents are described in table no. 1

Table No. 1- Bioactive peptides Antihypertensive Agents

Drug Name	Description	Effect on ECG	Reference
VPP and IPP:-	The milk casein derived tripeptide VPP and IPP, derived from Lactobacillus helveticus fermented milk or hydrolysate of milk casein were potent candidates , because they show antihypertensive effect in animals [30]. The blood pressure of subjects in the sour milk group who received ACE inhibitors tended to the lower than their baselines values		[30-33]

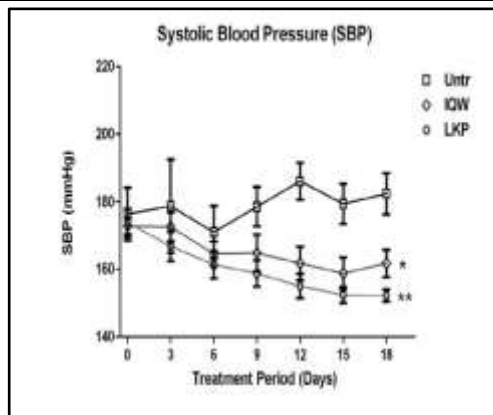


	<p>by 26.5 mmHg and 20.5 mmHg at dose 0.33 mg VPP and 0.17 mg IPP. The tripeptides had an antihypertensive effect after a single oral administration in SHR. Recently, two meta-analysis on antihypertensive peptides derived from food sources have been performed. Prupp included 15 clinical trials in the analysis, of which 13 trials concerned milk-derived peptides; results was 4.6 &amp; 2.2 mmHg. In SBP and DBP respectively. Xuetal had 12 trials in analyse&amp; the intervention in all of them contained lactotripeptides significant decrease 4.8 mmHg in SBP and 2.2 mmHg in DBP were found in meta-analysis of Xuetal.</p>		
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**2)IQW and LKP :-**

After 1-8 days of IQW and LKP treatment SBP was significantly decrease in both IQW and LKP groups to  $161.40 \pm 1.6$  mmHg and  $152.23 \pm 0.8$  mmHg DBP with both IQW and LKP treatment also showed similar effects

Angiotensin-II levels in untreated group were  $23.96 \pm 1.7$  pg/mL compared to  $12.42 \pm 0.7$  pg/mL and  $12.62 \pm 1.04$  in the IQW and LKP treated groups, respectively.



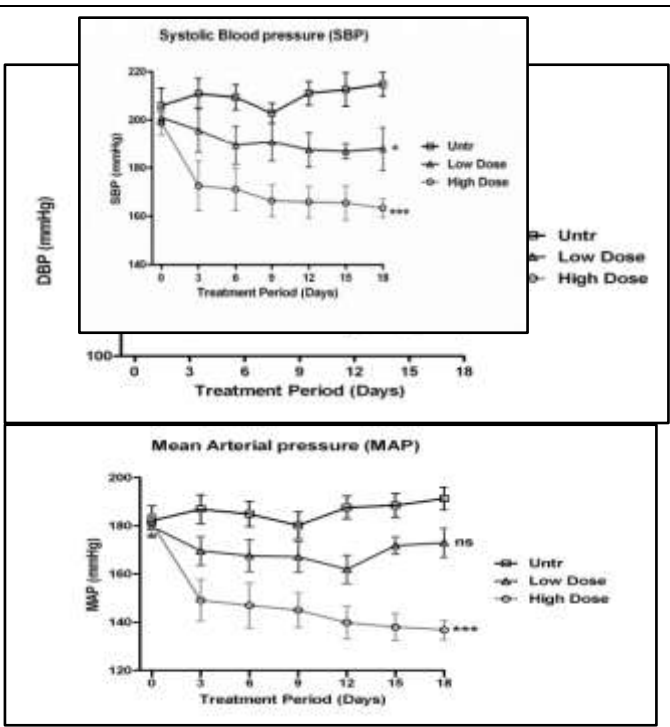
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**3)IRW :-**  
**Source-**  
 Eggwhite  
 protein  
 ovotransferrin .

IRW treatment decreased Ang III level from  $35.3 \pm 5.4$  pg/mL in untreated group to  $14.2 \pm 2.1$  pg/mL in high dose treated group. The treatment also increased circulating levels of bradykinin which increases from  $1.5 \pm 0.2$  mg/mL in untreated group to  $3.10 \pm 0.6$  mg/mL in high dose treated group. These results suggest that IRW can act as an ACE inhibitor and thus decrease the production of Ang II as well as inhibit the degradation of bradykinin.

After 18 days of IRW treatment, SBP was significantly decrease in both low and high dose groups to  $191.4 \pm 2.0$  mmHg and  $172.1 \pm 4.7$  mmHg respectively. Similar effects were observed in BBP with high dose treatment.



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### 1.2. CHITOLIGOSACCHARIDE DERIVATIVE (COS):

Chitin is most abundant natural amino polysaccharide and is estimated to be produced annually almost as much as cellulose [36]. Researchers on chitosan and its oligomers have identified their potential to inhibit ACE activity [37]. further, studied ACE inhibitor activity of different COS and identified that chitosan trimer is more effective in lowering BP compared to other oligomers Luscher TF, Noll G. studied, among these hetero-COS, 50% deacetylated and medium molecular weight (1,000 - 5,000 ) hetero-COS has exhibited highest ACE inhibitory activity with IC50 value of 1.22 mm/mL and the inhibition pattern is competitive according to the Lineweaver- Burk plots. chitosan trimer:

When the single oral dose (2.14 mm/kg similar to dose level of captopril known as strong ACE inhibitors) of chitosan trimer was given to 8 or 21 week aged SHR, the BP reduction of both SHR, in 4hrs were 27± 4.8 mmHg and 364.3 mmHg respectively. Therefore, it was suggested that chitosan trimer could be applicable as natural ACE inhibitor related to antihypertension[38].

### 1.3. PHLOROTONNINS:

Brown algal phenols attracts considerable attention due to the wide variety of biological activities and potential beneficial health effects of these so called phlorotannins [39]. Phloroglucinol polymerization gives a family of important natural compounds the Phlorotannins which are highly hydrophilic and have a wide range of molecular sizes ranging between 126 Da and 650kDa[40]. The monomeric unit of phlorotanninsphloroglucinol, is assumed to be formed through the acetate malonate [Polyketide Pathway]. Their occurrence in brown seaweeds is very common, mainly in Ecklonia species and their various beneficial biological

activities such as anticancer, antidiabetic, antiallergic, antioxidant and antihypertensive activities are also recognized. Inhibition of ACE is considered to be a useful therapeutic approach in the treatment of hypertension. Therefore, in the development of drugs to control high blood pressure, ACE inhibition has become an important activity. Assumed that phlorotannins in E. Cava might form some type of complex associated with proteins or glycoproteins and then inhibit the ACE activity [41-44].

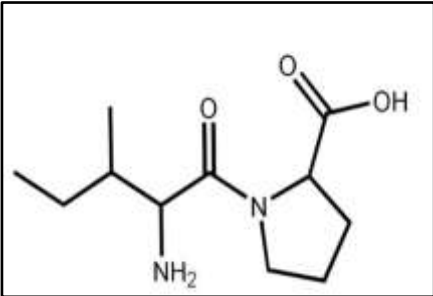
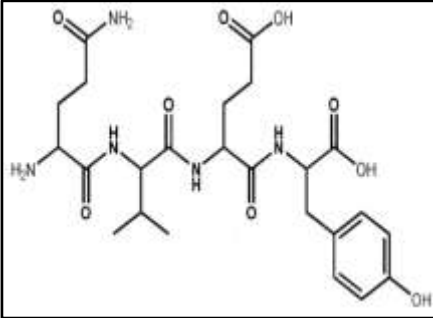
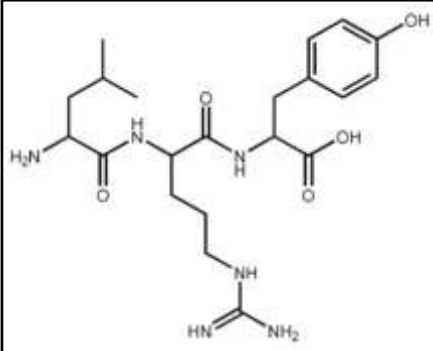
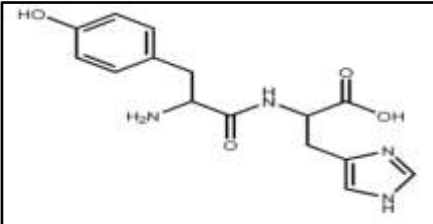
Moreover, Athukorala & Jeon have been reported the Flavourzyme enzymatic digest of E. cava is a potent ACE inhibitor, exhibited an IC50 of 0.3 ug/ml in-vitro and captopril a commercial antihypertensive exhibited an IC50 of 0.5ug/ml . Phenolic compounds inhibit ACE activity through sequestration of the enzyme metal factor, Zn<sup>2+</sup>[45,46].

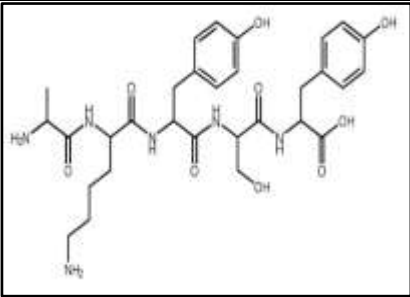
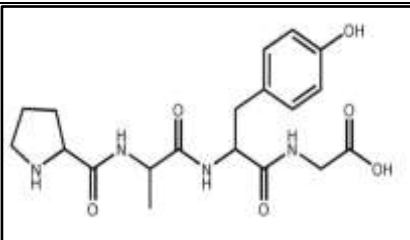
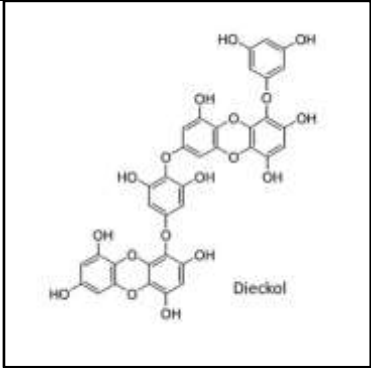
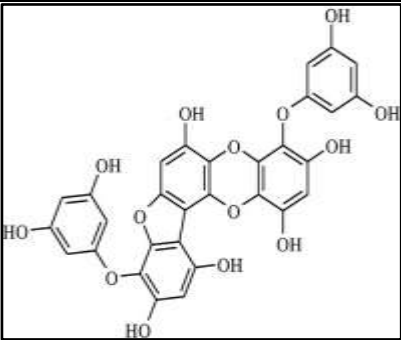
Furthermore, the in-vitro ACE inhibitory activity of ten Korean seaweeds including, five phaeophyta [E.Cava, E. stolonifera, PelvetiaSiliquosa, HizikiaFusiforme, and Undaria pinnatifida ] Four Rhodophyta (Gigartina tenella, Gelidiummansii, chondriacrassicaulis, and Porphyratenera), and one chlorophyta (capsosiphonFulvescens) have been reported [47-49]. The ethanol extracts of E. Stolonifera, E.cava, P. Siliquosa. U pinnatifida. and G. tenella exhibited significant inhibitory properties against ACE at more than 50% inhibition of a concentration of 163.93 ug/ml [50,51].

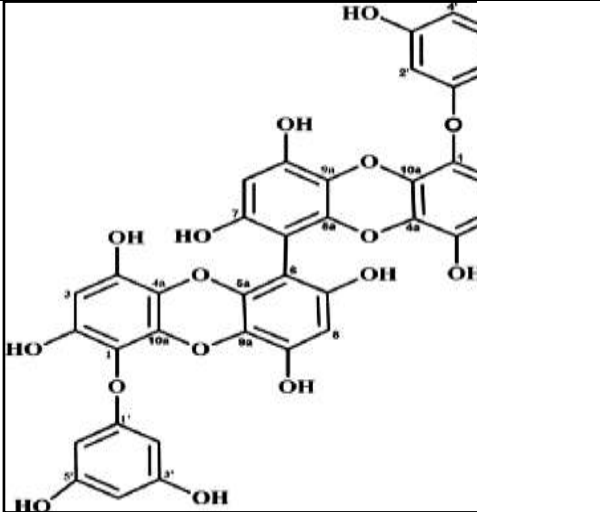
Moreover, they have found that phlorotannins such as eckol, phlorofucofuroeckol A and dieckol which derived from E. stolonifera , have shown considerable inhibitory activity against ACE. Among them ,Phlorofucofuroeckol-A is the strongest ACE inhibitor with an IC50 value of 12.74 µM [52-56].

**Table 2:- Phlorotannin Antihypertensive agents**

Marine drug	Source	IC50value	Structure	Reference
Peptide Iy	Pyropiayezoensis , Porphyrayezoensis	2.96 uM	-	[57,58]

Peptide IP	Macroalga undaria Pinnatifida (Marvey suringar) (ulva rigida C. Agardh protein)	2.96 uM		[59]
Peptide QVEY	Gracilariopsis Lemaneiformis	474.36 uM		[60]
Peptide LRY (furuta-et-al)	Dulse (palmaria Platinata)	5.06 uM		[61]
Peptide YH	Undaria	5.1 uM		[62,63]
Peptide KY	Undaria Pinnatifida	7.7 uM		

Peptide AKSY	PorphyraYez oensis	1.52 uM		[64-66]
Peptide PAFG	Enteromorph a clathrata	35.9 uM		[67]
Phlorotanins Dieckol	E.cava	1470 uM		[68,72]
PhloroFucoFur oeckol-A	E-cava E-stolinifera E-Kurome	12.74 uM		[68-74]

6,6'- Bieckol	E-cava Ishigeakamu rae	0.42 uM	
COS chitosan Trimer	-	0.9 uM	- [75]

#### IV. DISCUSSION:

The ultimate goal of this study was to investigate ACE inhibitory properties of proteolysatederived from marine sources, which can be used as alternative therapy for prevention and treatment of hypertension [54].

Recently, much attention has been paid by consumers towards natural bioactive compounds as functional ingredients and hence it can be suggested that, marine derived ACE inhibitors are alternative tools that can contribute consumer's well being, by being a part of novel nutraceuticals or pharmaceuticals replacing synthetic drugs [25]. Bioactive peptides derived from marine resources have potential ACE inhibitory activity and are considered as therapeutic agents to combat hypertension [55].

E. cava is a very interesting research due to unique phlorotannin derivatives with special bioactivities, including ACE inhibitory activity. It can be suggested that due to valuable biological functions with health beneficial effects, phlorotannins are much potential as active ingredients for preparation of nutraceuticals, cosmeceuticals and pharmaceuticals [56].

#### V. CONCLUSIONS :

This brief review on the marine drugs for hypertension here concludes with a note that marine drugs play an important role by being a part of novel pharmaceuticals replacing synthetic drugs.

Marine Anti-hypertensive drugs are important weapons to fight against hypertension. The identification & design of new functional molecules, nutraceuticals and pharmaceuticals and bioactive compounds of marine source represent a big promising approach in both intervention & prevention of inflammatory cardiovascular disease, hypertension.

This revision will provide inspiration for such detailed research, which can result in preclinical and clinical trials of specific seaweed compounds and boost their value as a resource of potential antihypertensive drugs.

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