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**Review Article** 

# A Review on Therapeutic Aspects of Artesunate in The Treatment of Various Disease

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
Received: 09 Feb 2024 Accepted: 13 Feb 2024 Published: 08 March 2024 Keywords: Artesunate , Artemisinin , cancer , Malaria , Diabetes DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.10798299	Artesunate is a derivative of Artemisinin . Artemisinin is extracted from the Artemisia annua plant. Artemisinin and its derivatives have been the most useful antimalarials in human history. Artesunate has the advantage of having a hydrophilic group compared to other Artemisinin , making it a more potent drug .On an industrial scale, Artemisinin is synthesized semi synthetically. The 1,2,4-endoperoxide bridge of Artemisinin is responsible for the antimalarial activity of the drug. Resistance to Artemisinin s has been demonstrated in Plasmodium falciparum, primarily p. There is evidence that it is caused by a mutation in the kelch13 protein. Tropical plants. Data from clinical trials suggest that Artesunate is more effective than quinine and other Artemisinin s in treating patients with severe malaria. There is evidence that Artemisinin as an anticancer agent includes oxidative stress, DNA damage and repair, and various types of cell death. Artesunate has a wide range of therapeutic effects. It is mainly used as an antimalarial agent. It is used to treat cancer, diabetes, autoimmune diseases, atherosclerosis and infection with the COVID-19 virus. And systemic lupus erythematosus.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Artesunate (1) (ART), also called as dihydroartemisinin-12- $\alpha$ -succinate, it is a semisynthetic peroxide-bridged sesquiterpene lactone compound (figure 1) [1] derived from artemisinin, the bioactive component of the Chinese medicinal herb called artemisia annua. The United States food and drug administration

(FDA) approved the artesunate on May 26, 2020, as the first line of treatment for children or adults with severe malaria.[2]When infected with falciparum malaria, a non-immune individual is mostly affected.[3] The majority of those infected with falciparum malaria are not immune. The fatality rate is between 5 and 10%, and in more serious situations, several organs may be

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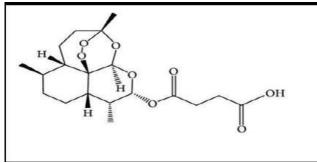
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impacted. For nearly 400 years, quinine, an alkaloid found in cinchona plants, has been the preferred treatment for malaria. [4]

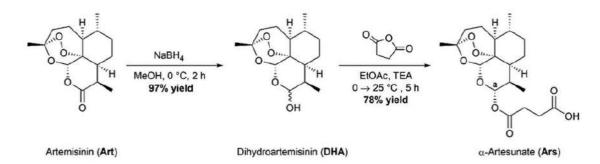
Figure 1: Structure Of Artesunate



#### 2. Synthesis Of Artesunate

Synthesis of Artesunate from Artemisinin can be achieved by reducing Artemisinin to DHA using NABH4 in MEOH. Acylation of DHA to Artesunate can be accomplished by treating diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL) with succinic anhydride in the presence of a base with similar antimalarial activity[4]

#### Figure 2:Synthesis Of Artesunate From Arthimisinin



#### 3. Benefits of Artesunate

As we know, Artemisinin is not soluble in water. Therefore, it cannot be used intramuscularly or intravenously, which greatly limits its effectiveness against severe malaria. To eliminate this deficiency, Artelic acid and Artesunate are synthesized[5]

Studies have shown that both can effectively kill Plasmodium falciparum, and Artelic acid has less embryotoxicity, neurotoxicity, nephrotoxicity, reticulocytopenia, vascular irritation, and anemia, etc., compared to Artesunate. It was found that Artesunate has been affected by its ability to kill ghost-stage parasites too quickly and delay hemolysis[6] Delayed hemolysis was observed more frequently (approximately 20%) in patients with severe fever treated with intravenous Artesunate.[7][8] Fortunately, in 85% of cases, the anemia was mild. The World Health Organization (WHO) malaria treatment guidelines also stated that no toxicity was observed with parenteral Artesunate doses of 1.75 to 4 mg/kg. In addition, the price is relatively cheap. As a result, Artesunate was considered the most prominent of all Artemisinin derivatives and the only watersoluble Artemisinin derivative in clinical use[9] Intramuscular or intravenous Artesunate is strongly recommended as first-line treatment for various forms of cerebral malaria and other severe malarias, but another important advantage is that can be maintained Artesunate high at concentrations in the brain. Although Artesunate drug levels are significantly reduced in all tissues after 1 h, its contribution in brain, fat, intestine and serum is still high and persists as a very mild neurotoxicity This means that Artesunate has excellent efficacy in treating neurological diseases[5]



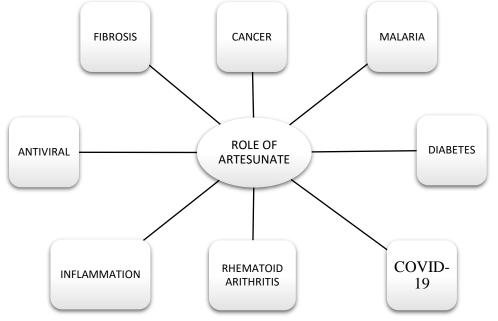


FIGURE 3 : Therapeutic application of artesunate

#### 3. The main function of Artesunate

Artesunate is prepared by reacting DHA with succinic anhydride in basic medium. Like Artemisinin, it has four main functions: anti-parasitic, anti-tumour, antiinflammatory and antibacterial functions. Among these four, the anti-parasitic function is the most classic and important role of Artesunate due to its killing effect on Plasmodium falciparum. Malaria remains a major cause of morbidity and mortality in children and adults in malaria-endemic countries. And combating it requires a comprehensive approach, including prevention and prompt treatment with effective antimalarials. The third edition of the Malaria Guidelines emphasizes the importance of intravenous or intramuscular Artesunate as the recommended treatment for adults and children (including infants, pregnant and lactating women) with severe malaria. Against malaria. The antimalarial mechanism of Artesunate works mainly by completely inhibiting the activity of Plasmodium cytochrome oxidase and promoting the formation of the active substance [10, 11]. Also, schistosomiasis is considered the second devastating most parasitic disease from а socioeconomic point of view (after malaria). In 2014, more than 61.6 million people were treated for schistosomiasis. Extensive in vivo and in vitro studies have confirmed that Artesunate is effectively effective against s. Japanese mansion. These findings open up

new options for treating schistosomiasis. Artesunate is also effective against myofascial hepatitis, clonorchis sinensis, babesiosis, leishmaniasis, and Toxoplasma gondii. It is also effective against other parasites such as like fasciola hepatica, clonorchis sinensis, babesia, leishmaniasis and toxoplasma gondii, and so forth which fully illustrated that Artesunate had broad antiparasitic effects

#### 4. Pharmacokinetic activity of Artesunate

Pharmacokinetic studies in the field primarily use plasma samples, some using whole blood, serum, saliva or other biological samples. This technology has excellent physical and chemical properties and can be formulated into injections, suppositories, tablets, liposomal microcapsules, intravenous, intramuscular, oral, rectal and other dosage forms. After oral administration, the tablets must disintegrate, dissolve and be absorbed in the gastrointestinal tract.[6]The main site of absorption is the small intestine. Some ART work undergoes chemical hydrolysis by acids in the intestines to form DHA, which is then absorbed into the bloodstream. The unchanged portion enters the liver directly through the portal vein, and some is converted to DHA by hepatic metabolism. When drugs are measured directly in the blood, the proportion of drug absorbed into the blood is small and bioavailability is also low. Assessing the bioavailability of a work of ART by measuring DHA



in the blood indicates high bioavailability. The half-life of ART in major tissues and organs is not the same. Bone marrow and spleen have the longest half-lives, approximately 140 to 222 hours, followed by lungs (105 to 123 hours), he ART (91 to 109 hours), muscle (96 to 106 hours) and kidney (94 to 106 hours). 102 hours), blood (82-99 hours). Plasma protein binding rates of prototype ATR or its active metabolite DHA were higher after administration by different routes of administration. In human and rat plasma, the plasma protein binding ratio was 73%-81%, and the DHA binding ratio was 76%-82%. The rate of plasma protein binding in patients infected with malaria parasites is 93% Intramuscular injection has a faster absorption rate and shorter peak time than oral administration. Absolute bioavailability, based on concentration, is 86.4% in adults and 88% in children with falciparum malaria [85]. The absolute bioavailability of ART work after oral administration was 61% (95% confidence interval: 52%-70%). After ingestion, part of the domain is absorbed into the blood and converted to DHA, with a bioavailability of 80%-85%. Another part of the ART is absorbed into the liver through the portal vein and metabolized by the liver into DHA.[13][14].

#### 5. Antimalarial activity of Artesunate

Artesunate is an antimalarial drug that works by increasing oxidative stress on Plasmodium in red blood cells Artesunate is active against strains of Plasmodium falciparum resistant to chloroquine and mefloquine, but in vitro susceptibility and resistance thresholds have not been established. Tropical plants Artesunate is the most potent in vitro compared to other qinghao derivatives (Arteether, Artemisinin and artemether). Results of in vitro experiments using red blood cells from individual with the genetic variant of  $\alpha$ -thalassemia suggest that Artesunate is less effective in treating malaria in this population than in other patient groups. However, this has not yet been clinically proven. Animal models have demonstrated the efficacy of artesunate in experimental treatments. Bergey infection in rats and induced cerebral malaria in rhesus monkeys. Paired isolates isolated from patients with recurrent infections after artesunate monotherapy combination therapy with mefloquine or or

doxycycline did not show a pattern of increased resistance to artesunate in vitro.[1][17]

Sodium Artesunate : Sodium artesunate (5a)is a basic salt as opposed to the acidic form .It is recommended form for the treatment of uncomplicated and severe malaria due its solubility [1]

#### 6. Mechanism of Artesunate in diabetes

Effects and mechanisms of Artesunate in the treatment of diabetes, islet cell protection Islet cell protection Insulin produced by islet cells is essential for maintaining the normal physiological range of blood sugar, especially for the survival and functional integrity of islet cells. The survival and function of islet  $\beta$  cells is impaired, leading to decreased insulin secretion, a major cause of diabetes.[18][19]Therefore, protecting pancreatic islet  $\beta$ -cells and stimulating insulin secretion is an effective method for treating diabetes. [20] Interleukin-1 $\beta$  (il-1 $\beta$ ) has been shown to play an important role in early  $\beta$ -cell injury, with  $\beta$ cells themselves producing il-1 $\beta$  upon high glucose stimulation.[21]Studies have shown that il-1βindependent factors can cause dysfunction of glucosestimulated insulin secretion by activating the NF-KB pathway.[22] Inhibition of the NF-KB pathway can protect human and rodent islets from il-1β-stimulated β-cell damage.[23] Sirtuin1 (SIRT1) is a nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide-dependent deacetylase that regulates a variety of cellular activities, including cell survival, anti-stress potential, and cellular selfregulation. Studies have shown that sirt1 plays a role in reducing insulin resistance and protecting islet  $\beta$ cells.[24] In addition, sirt1 can protect islet  $\beta$  cells by deacetylating p65.[25] Therefore, sirt1 is expected to become a new target for diabetes treatment.[26] It is found that ART inhibited il-1β-induced NF-KB pathway activation and attenuated insulin secretory dysfunction.[27] ART reduced II-1β-induced islet βcell damage and sirt1 expression.[28] The protective effect of arts on islet  $\beta$ -cells was partially abolished after sirt1 inhibition. In conclusion, ART fully activates sirt1 expression in islet  $\beta$ -cells, inhibits the NF-KB-INOS-no signalling pathway, promotes insulin secretion, and reduces apoptosis. In addition, this method improves the viability of mouse islet  $\beta$  cells treated with streptozotocin, reduces the number of late apoptotic cells and pyroptotic cells, and modulates the

expression of proteins related to the pyroptotic pathway. It is a way to protect islet  $\beta$  cells.[29]

#### 7. The role of Artesunate in fibrosis

Artesunate (ART) is a water-soluble derivative of Artemisinin which is used to treat malaria, is often given orally or by injection. It is currently listed on the WHO List of Essential Medicines and was developed as first-line treatment for children and adults with severe malaria artesunate also targets myofibroblasts in several ways. I.e. Action on fibroblast activation Induction of a gene expression paradigm in fibroblasts that downregulates many myofibroblast-related and profibrotic genes and regulates genes that degrade ECM and reduce collagen deposition. and reduction of fibroblast proliferation Although the use of Artesunate may be prescribed as a more effective way of delivering it into the body, studies have shown that the administration of Artesunate is more effective than Artesunate in treating malaria. The exact reason for this is still under investigation. However, compared to Artemisinin, oral administration or tea infusion of the plant shows increased bioavailability and pharmacological efficacy of Artemisinin and may be more effective in inhibiting fibrotic cells than pure dry leaf powder preparation or hot water infusion of leaves.[30]

#### 8. Anti-inflammatory activity of Artesunate

Artesunate, a water-soluble derivative of the traditional Chinese herb Artemisinin, has been reported to have anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive effects.[31] Artesunate inhibits proinflammatory cytokines [tumour necrosis factor-a (TNF-A) and interleukin-6 (il-6)] and anti-inflammatory chemokines (tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF-A) and interleukin-6 (il-6) It can inhibit the formation of suppresses.[32] atherosclerotic lesions alone or in combination with rosuvastatin. Day-8). However, the mechanism of Artesunate in ash still remains a mystery.[33] The inflammasome-containing LR family 3 (nlrp3) consists of the nlrp3 (cytoplasmic sensor molecule) pyrin domain, apoptosis-like protein, caspase accumulation domain (ASC; adapter protein), and procaspase-1. effector proteins)[34]. Artesunate-mediated inhibition of the nlrp3 inflammasome pathway has been proposed to ameliorate glomerular interstitial cell damage. The inhibitory effect of Artesunate occurs by increasing

LPL expression, for example through the klf2/nrf2/tcf7l2 axis[35]. Activation of the Nlrp3 inflammasome contributed to the development of AS. In this study, we sought to determine the attenuating effect of Artesunate on the regulation of the Nlrp3 inflammasome and its downstream mechanisms. Inhibition of TXNIP has been reported to inactivate the NLRP3 inflammasome and attenuate the inflammasome. The  $\alpha$ -ARRESTIN protein, TXNIP, is involved in a variety of pleiotropic biological responses [36]. For example, TXNIP has been shown to mediate inflammatory responses by inhibiting thioredoxin activity[37]. Increased expression of TXNIP was observed in AS, and its inhibition promoted endothelial cell proliferation. The XNIP target scan database predicted MICRORNA(mir)-16-5p as a target gene. Miranas have been proposed to regulate many developmental and cellular processes involving approximately 21 nucleotides [38]. Several mirnas have been implicated in AS, including mir-122 (13) and mir-24 (14). mir-16-5p was downregulated in diabetic kidney disease compared with type 1 diabetes, which was confirmed by bioinformatics analysis, and mir-16-5p can also regulate genes.[39]

#### 9. The role of Artesunate in COVID-19

There are in vivo and in vitro studies showing the positive effects of Artesunate in treating COVID-19. Sardar et al. reported a case co-infection with covid-19 Plasmodium and vivax and treated with ARTesunate.24 In an in vitro study of the anti-SARS-CoV-2 efficacy of Artemisinin -related compounds in VERO e6 African kidney cells in monkeys, Artesunate is seems as a SARS-Kov-2 service. The period of pulmonary injuries and the period of the disease was statistically reduced in the ART group compared to the control group. -KB) entry into cells such as paths and chlorokine. The nerve delivery of the nerves occurs during the infection with SARS-COV-2. 28 GLARS-COV-2 is the purpose of ACE-2 receptors. This is an Asen metal (MMP) metallic rookie of the viral infection reaction to complicate the complications of the central nervous system. Created by the cells of the central nervous system. 30.31 U-373mg test experience[40]

#### 10. Anticytomegalovirus activity of Artesunate



The anticytomegalovirus activity of artesunate is not limited to HCMVS, but also applies to CMV of animal origin, especially CMV of rat origin. An important finding is that increasing the intracellular iron concentration enhances the anticytomegalovirus activity of artesunate.[41]This iron-enhanced efficacy has been supported by several observations, and some promising features of artesunate. anticytomegalovirus activity are outlined below. First, treatment of cmvinfected fibroblasts with Artesunate plus iron (ferrozanol, Mannheim) and/or soluble transferrin resulted in greater inhibition of viral replication[42] Since ferrozanol is a clinically approved drug, this drug can be safely combined with Artesunate in clinical practice. Second, the antiviral activity of Artesunate is additive when combined with existing drugs such as ganciclovir, cidofovir, and foscarnet. Combining drugs with different mechanisms of action can slow the development of drug resistance.[43] Third, the antiviral activity of Artesunate against CMV was also demonstrated in vivo using a murine CMV model. Importantly, the first successful clinical use of Artesunate for the treatment of HCMV was described in a patient who developed a drug-resistant infection during prophylactic antiviral treatment after stem cell transplantation.[44] Artesunate has been shown to be a highly effective and well-tolerated HCMV replication inhibitor, suggesting the need for further clinical evaluation of the role of Artesunate in the treatment of HCMV infection.[45]

#### 11. Effects of Artesunate on cancer

ART is an emerging drug against cancers. Such as leukaemia, liver cancer, lung cancer, ovarian cancer ,breast cancer[4][46]. The anticancer activity of artesunate works through affecting through various mechanism and pathways in cancer cells like arresting cell cycle, [46] inhibiting angiogenesis [47], inducing proliferation[48] apoptosis[46], inhibiting and inducing autophagy. ART restores the sensitivity of cancer by changing the sensitivity of the chemotherapy drug by controlling various signals and regulating other signals. (HCC) is used to improve kinase tyrosine inhibitor. Major treatment of liver cancer. ART is being used as a medication to treat cancer. ART blocks many signalling pathways involved in tumour growth, as demonstrated by numerous research investigations

using cancer cell lines in vitro and in animals. Button mice bearing sk-7721 tumour cells were treated with SOR, ART or a combination of the two (ART-SOR). ART-sor treatment showed better tumour growth reduction than ART-sor treatment alone. In vitro effects of both showed that 50% inhibition of SC cells was achieved with 2.77 µm ART-sor compared to 5.23 µm sor required for the same effect. For cancer cells living in vitro, the observed inhibition of 11.43 µm ART-sor was only 5.30 µm sor. ART was found to produce a positive synergistic effect by increasing annexin and SC cell production and inducing proapoptotic processes by increasing parp and cleaved caspase-3.. ART has been shown to restore the sensitivity of a number of cancer types to chemotherapeutic drugs by modulating various signaling pathways; for example, ART can improve the apoptosis of HCC by inhibiting the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway. ART can increase liver cancer cell sensitivity to sorafenib via suppression of the MEK/ERK pathway.

Artesunate exhibits multiple mechanisms of cancer treatment

#### 13.1 Apoptosis. Apoptosis is a type of programmed cell death that does not cause an inflammatory response.[49]

#### 13.2 Autophagy.

Autophagy is a conserved self-destruction system that is important for maintaining cellular homeostasis under stress conditions and, in combination with the autophagy-related protein family, has been shown to play an important role in cancer.[50]

#### **13.3 Inhibition of angiogenesis**

Blood vessels provide oxygen and a nutrient supply for the growth of tumours, which also facilitate the proliferation, migration and subsequent invasion of malignant tumour cells in the long term.[51]

#### 13.4 Cell cycle arrest.

Aberrant cell division is one of the characteristic features of cancer cells. ART inhibits the proliferation of bladder cancer cells (RT4, RT112, T24 and TCCSup), which is associated with G0/G1 phase cell cycle arrest and downregulation of cell cycle regulatory proteins [cyclin D1 and CDK4 (required for entry into the G1 phase)[52]

#### 13.5 Ferroptosis.



Ferroptosis is a recently identified form of regulated cell death, which is characterized by iron overload, lipid ROS accumulation and lipid peroxidation[53]

Name of drug	Types of cancer and its mechanism
ARTESUNATE	1. Leukaemia:
	ART can induce apoptosis of leukemia T cells and Stimulation of
	mitochondrial ROS production Studies have shown that ART induces
	caspase-3/9 mediation. Apoptosis targeting the outer mitochondrial
	membrane This leads to activation and nuclear translocation. Human
	mitochondrial apoptosis-promoting factor SKM-1 <sup>[54]</sup>
	2. Nervous system cancer :
	ART can selectively upregulate the expression of survivin and induce
	DNA damage response in glial cells, leading to increased apoptosis
	and cell cycle arrest <sup>.[55]</sup> ART High sensitivity to radiotherapy. Before,
	It is found that ART affected nuclear localization. Sterol regulatory
	element-binding protein 2 (SREBP2). Decreased expression of 3-
	hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coa. ART inhibits reductase and inhibits
	the mevalonate pathway. Which affects the metabolism of glioma
	cells <sup>[56]</sup>
	3. Breast cancer:
	Artesunate acts by the mechanism of autophagy towards cancer cells.
	It has been shown to inhibit triple negative proliferation.MDA-MB-
	468 breast cancer cell line and human epidermis Growth factor 2-
	enhanced breast cancer cell line, SK-BR-3which depends on the dose
	and time <sup>.[57]</sup>
	4. Ovarian cancer:
	ART dramatically inhibits angiogenesis in a dose-dependent manner
	by reducing the expression of VEGF in the HO-8910 human ovarian
	cancer cell line and KDR/flk-1 (VEGF receptor) in endothelial cells
	and HO-8910 cells. ART could reduce the total amount of RAD51
	and the development of RAD51 foci in ovarian cancer cells sustaining
	DNA damage. Furthermore, the downregulation of RAD51 lead to an
	improved susceptibility of ovarian cancer cells to cisplatin <sup>.[58]</sup>

## 5. Esophageal cancer:

ART can cause apoptosis and cell cycle arrest in the Eca109 and Ec9706 EC cell lines in a concentration-dependent manner . Furthermore, an in vivo investigation shown that ART led to a dose-dependent regression of Eca109-transplanted tumour in BALB/c nude mice with little adverse effect<sup>[59]</sup>

## 6. Gastric cancer :

ART can act in a concentration-dependent manner, suppress the growth of the gastric cancer cell lines SGC-7901, BGC-823, and AGS. BGC-823 cells treated with ART showed calcium overload, downregulated VEGF expression levels, and elevated calpain-2 expression levels . Moreover, ART treatment can cause apoptosis and suppress the growth of the SGC-7901 gastric cancer cell line; this process may involve the overexpression of Bax and caspase-3 and the downregulation of CDC25A and Bcl-2.<sup>[60]</sup>

## 7. Colorectal cancer :

ART was significantly shown that it suppresses the growth of colorectal tumours, lowers the physiological activity of cancer, and delays spontaneous liver metastasis in the CLY CRC cell line. ART also inhibits CRC proliferation and promotes apoptosis in a dose-dependent way. The anticancer effects were linked to the suppression of unrestrained Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling and the membrane translocation of  $\beta$ -catenin.<sup>[61]</sup>

# <sup>8.</sup> Lung cancer :

ART has the ability to significantly inhibit the invasion and migration of NSCLC cells (H1395, A549, LXF289, and H460 cells) by the downregulation of urokinase-type plasminogen activator transcription, MMP-2 and MMP-7, while also suppressing AP-1 and NF-KB-transactivation (126). Furthermore, ART increases radiosensitivity in A549 cells both in vivo and in vitro, potentially by triggering cell cycle arrest via the NO signaling pathway at the G2/M phase (127). It was discovered that in A549 and H1975 NSCLC cell

lines, ART might suppress cell migration by upregulating the expression of the epithelial marker E-cadherin<sup>[62]</sup>

#### 9. Liver cancer:

ART can cause apoptosis in human hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) cells by activating caspase-3, increasing the Bax/Bcl-2 ratio, and downregulating mouse double minute 2. However, it has less effect on normal cells. In HCC cells, ART may act as a possible STAT3 inhibitor to control STAT3 targets, such as caspase-3, BCL-XL, and survivin, obstruct STAT3 dimerization, and inhibit both constitutive and IL-6-inducible STAT3, which would otherwise cause cell death.<sup>[63]</sup>

# <sup>10.</sup> Glioblastoma cancer:

When artesunate double-strand breaks (DSBs), they do accumulate and ultimately activate the ATM/ATR axis and DNA damagedependent cellular activities, triggering off cell cycle inhibition and death pathways. Additionally, artesunate induces autophagy. It has been shown that artesunate inhibits the growth of glioblastoma cells by stimulating the ROS-triggered AMPK-mTOR axis.<sup>[64]</sup>

# 11. Therapeutic effect of artesunate on central nervous system disease[5]

Artesunate is a very effective, less toxic, and welltolerated drug for cerebral malaria and all other forms of severe malaria. Recent developments have also shown that medications with a single mechanism of action and significant adverse effects are probably not the best choices for treating neurological conditions.[5] As a result, artesunate's pluripotent effect makes it a valuable tool for treating and preventing various neurological conditions. Artesunate acts on central nervous system infection, subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH)[65] intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH), ischemic cerebrovascular disease (ICD),[66]nervous tissue metastatic. nervous tissue tumour tumour. Neurological Autoimmune Diseases and Neurodegenerative disorders. Epilepsy Traumatic Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Injury Ischemic Cerebrovascular Disease In the treatment of Central

nervous system Antimicrobes is one of the primary role of artesunate Research reported artesunate could enhance the anti-MRSA activity of oxacillin ,when combined with ampicillin sodium-sulbactam sodium, it could further increase survival rate of mice challenged with S. Aureus. He main pathogens of the CNS parasitic diseases are cysticercus cellulosae, Paragonimus westermani, Schistosoma, Echinococcus and Toxoplasma gondii, and so forth. As the disease is part of systemic parasitosis, the researches for the CNS parasitic infection are few. Research indicated that artesunate had evident inhibitory effect on Toxoplasma gondii in vitro and in vivo . Moreover, artesunate-DHA combination could substantially reduce the size of the cerebral cysts of Toxoplasma gondii in mice after only 5 days of treatment[69]

In case of vascular disease of CNS in subarachoid hemorrhage artesunate could preserve blood-brain barrier (BBB) integrity and improve neurological



outcome after SAH, possibly through activating S1P1, enhancing PI3K activation, stabilizing  $\beta$ -catenin via GSK-3 $\beta$  inhibition, and then effectively raising the expression of Claudin 3 and Claudin 5[70]

#### CONCLUSION

Artesunate is the first line antimalarial drug which is mainly used as primary treatment for severe malaria .from this review we can conclude that artesunate is one of the drugs having a wide therapeutic range, due to its hydrophilic nature. ART has antiviral, anticancer, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory properties in addition to its primary use as an antimalarial medication. The production of reactive oxygen species (ROS), suppression of heme polymerization, and destabilisation of the parasite membrane are its modes of action for treating malaria. artesunate is the emerging and affordable drug for patients. In conclusion, the data that is now provided support the use of ART as an anticancer treatment. However, data obtained from comprehensive in vivo studies on both humans and animals will be needed in the future to further our comprehension of the anti-malarial and other activities of ART.

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