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# 21 Preventive and Therapeutic Effects of Plant Polyphenols through Suppression of Nuclear Factor-Kappa B

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### 21.1 OVERVIEW

Nuclear transcription factor- $\kappa$ B (NF- $\kappa$ B) regulates the expression of over 200 different genes. The activation of NF- $\kappa$ B has now been linked with a variety of inflammatory diseases, including cancer, atherosclerosis, myocardial infarction, diabetes, allergy, asthma, arthritis, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis, psoriasis, septic shock, and AIDS. There is much evidence suggesting that phytochemicals can inhibit the pathways that lead to the activation of this transcription factor and have the potential to prevent and treat

the diseases mentioned. These phytochemicals are derived from plants such as turmeric, red pepper, cloves, ginger, cumin, anise and fennel, rosemary, garlic, green tea, basil, cauliflower, cabbage, artichoke, lemon, and pomegranate.

## 21.2 INTRODUCTION

Plant extracts and natural compounds purified from plants have been used by humans for many centuries for the treatment and alleviation of a variety of inflammation-related diseases, including cancer. Eastern medicine, viz., traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and the Indian ayurvedic system of medicine, continue to prescribe complex mixtures of herbs and herbal extracts for the treatment of cancer. Recent research has shown that a mechanism-based approach that targets the means by which cancer cells prosper has significant advantages over the current methods of cancer treatment, including chemotherapy, with their attendant adverse effects. The regulation of the cell cycle (cell survival, proliferation, and death) requires the integration of a myriad of cell-signalling factors, including those that direct the transcription of genes coding for integral cell proteins. Nuclear factor (NF)- $\kappa$ B is a transcription factor that regulates the expression of genes involved in cancer and other diseases.

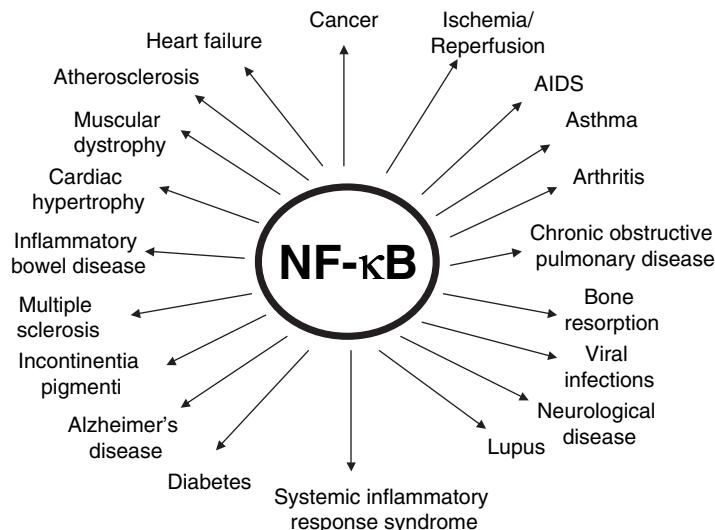
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## 21.3 NF- $\kappa$ B AND DISEASE

NF- $\kappa$ B, discovered by David Baltimore in 1986, is a ubiquitous factor that resides in the cytoplasm in an inactive state. When activated, it is translocated to the nucleus and induces gene transcription. NF- $\kappa$ B is activated by free radicals, inflammatory stimuli, carcinogens, tumor promoters, endotoxins, gamma radiation, UV light, and x-rays. On activation, it induces the expression of more than 200 genes, and these genes have been shown to suppress apoptosis and induce cellular transformation, proliferation, invasion, metastasis, chemoresistance, radioresistance, and inflammation.<sup>1–3</sup> The activated form of NF- $\kappa$ B has been found to mediate cancer,<sup>1,4,5</sup> atherosclerosis,<sup>6</sup> myocardial infarction,<sup>7</sup> diabetes,<sup>8</sup> allergy,<sup>9,10</sup> asthma,<sup>11</sup> arthritis,<sup>12</sup> Crohn's disease,<sup>13</sup> multiple sclerosis,<sup>14</sup> Alzheimer's disease,<sup>15,16</sup> osteoporosis, psoriasis, septic shock, AIDS, and other inflammatory diseases<sup>17–19</sup> (Figure 21.1). That NF- $\kappa$ B has been linked to wide variety of diseases is not too surprising because most diseases are caused by dysregulated inflammatory mechanisms.<sup>20</sup> Thus, agents that can suppress NF- $\kappa$ B activation can, in principle, either prevent, delay the onset, or treat NF- $\kappa$ B -linked diseases.

Ever since research has shown that there is an intrinsic link between inflammation and various diseases, it has become obvious that inhibition of NF- $\kappa$ B activity is desirable in the treatment of not only inflammation but also the disease itself. For instance, aberrant NF- $\kappa$ B activation is a known factor in oncogenesis, tumor growth, and metastasis, and specific constitutive activation of NF- $\kappa$ B has been identified in a number of cancers including, breast, ovarian, colon, and prostate cancer and Hodgkin's lymphoma (for references see Reference 1). Hence,

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**FIGURE 21.1** NF-κB-linked diseases.

this transcription factor is an important target in the prevention of diseases and their treatment in humans.

#### 21.4 NF-κB AS A THERAPEUTIC TARGET

NF-κB represents an important and very attractive therapeutic target for plant-derived polyphenols. Much attention has been paid in the last decade to the identification of compounds that selectively interfere with this pathway. More recently, a great number of plant-derived natural products have been evaluated as possible inhibitors of the NF-κB pathway (Table 21.1, Figure 21.2). This chapter focuses on plant extracts, plant isolates, and distinct classes of plant-derived compounds that form part of this group. It is noteworthy that there are also reports of synthetic compounds and compounds from nonplant sources (e.g., caffeic acid phenethyl ester [CAPE] identified from honey bee propolis) that are known to block the activity of NF-κB<sup>21</sup>.

NF-κB plays a central role in inflammation, and research has made it clear that most diseases are linked to inflammation. Because NF-κB can also regulate the expression of many key genes involved in a variety of human cancers, it represents a relevant and promising target for new therapeutic agents. Many pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies have drug discovery programs that target NF-κB and have been investing heavily in the search for proteins that regulate this transcription factor. However, due to the ubiquitous nature of NF-κB, many of these drugs may exhibit undesirable side effects.

The mechanism-based approach to combat diseases from different angles with combinations of naturally derived compounds has a distinct advantage in

**TABLE 21.1**  
**Natural Products from Plants that Exhibit Chemopreventive and Therapeutic Activities against Cancer**

AU: What does this symbol indicate?	Compound	Source	Botanical Name	Structure	↓NF-κB	P	T	Ref.
Polyphenol		Gingko	<i>Ginkgo biloba; Cypress spp.; Galeobdolon chinense; Garcinia intermedia; Selaginella spp.; Biophytum sensitivum</i>		+	—	—	22,23
Amentoflavone (biapigenin)*		Fruits and vegetables	<i>Scutellaria spp. (incl. in Chinese herbal mixture, PCSPES, Huang-Qi; Qingkailing; Shuanghuanglian etc.); Cirisium spp.; Crotalaria spp.; Quercus nutgall; Matricaria recutita; Saussurea medusa; Lantana montevidensis Briq.</i>	4',5,7-Trihydroxyflavone	+	—	—	24–26
AU: Should this be "component of"?	Apigenin*		<i>Arctium lappa; Centaurea spp.; Torreya nucifera</i>	7-Geranyl-oxycoumarin	—	—	—	27
Arctigenin* and demethyltraxillagenin	Auraptene	Citrus spp. grapefruit, natudaidai	<i>Citrus spp.</i>		—	—	—	28
Baicalein* and its derivatives <sup>a</sup>	Skullcap		<i>Scutellaria spp. (included in Chinese herbal mixture, PCSPES, Huang-Qi; Qingkailing; Shuanghuanglian, etc.) Rubus spp.; Vaccinium spp., Fragaria ananassa</i>	5,6,7-Trihydroxyflavone	+	+	+	29–31
AU: Should this be "and other berries"?	Blueberry and berry mix Cannabinol*	Blueberry, black currant, raspberry, strawberry Hemp seed oil, marijuana	<i>Cannabis spp.</i>		+	—	—	32–34
				6,6,9-Trimethyl-3-pentyl-6H-dibenzo[b,d]pyran-1-ol;	+	—	+	35–37

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Catalposide*	<i>Catalpa</i> spp.; <i>Veronica</i> spp.	Oxirene[4,5]cyclopenta[1,2-c]pyran- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside	+	—	—	38
Catechins* (and theaflavins*) <sup>b</sup>	Green tea (including fermented, i.e., black teas), spotted knapweed, shea kernels, cocoa	Camellia sinensis; <i>Centaura maculosa</i> ; <i>Vitellaria paradoxa</i> ; <i>Theobroma cacao</i>	3',4',5,7-Tetrahydroxy-2,3-trans-flavan-3-ol	+	+	39-41
Cirsimarinin*	Basil, sage, rosemary	<i>Cirsium maritimum</i> ; <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> ; <i>Salvia officinalis</i> ; <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	5,4'-Dihydroxy-6,7-dimethoxyflavone	—	—	42
Curecumin*	Turneric ( <i>haldi</i> )	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	Diferuloylmethane	+	+	—
Ellagic acid*	Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, bayberries, fuejiao, pomegranates, pineapple, walnuts	<i>Fragaria ananassa</i> ; <i>Rubus idaeus</i> ; <i>Punica granatum</i> ; <i>Iuglans regia</i>	4,4',5,5',6,6'-Hexahydroxy-diphenic acid dilactone	—	—	34,44
Emodin*	Aloe vera	<i>Polygonum</i> spp.; <i>Cassia</i> spp.; <i>Glossostemon bruguieri</i> ( <i>moghat</i> ); <i>Rheum</i> spp. ( <i>rhubarb</i> ); <i>Hovenia acerba</i>	3-Methyl-1,6,8-Trihydroxy-anthraquinone	+	+	—
Flavopiridol <sup>c</sup>			5,7-Dihydroxy-8-(4-N-methyl-2-hydroxypyridyl)-6'-chloroflavone hydrochloride	+	—	46
Genistein*	Soybeans, chickpea, kudzu root	<i>Glycine max</i> ; <i>Cicer arietinum</i> ; <i>Pueraria lobata</i> radix; <i>Desmodium</i> spp.	3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-chromen-4-one	+	+	47,48
<i>Glossogyne tenuifolia</i> <sup>d</sup>	Herb	<i>Glossogyne tenuifolia</i>		+	—	49

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Hematein*	Natural dye from logwood			+	—	—	50,51
Hesperidine HMP*	Oranges Black fruit or galangal	<i>Citrus</i> spp. <i>Alpinia</i> spp.	Hesperitin-7-rutinoside 7-(4'-Hydroxy-3'-methoxyphenyl)-phenylheptenone	— +	— —	— —	52 53
Hypericin* Isothymusin	St. John's wort Basil	<i>Hypericum</i> spp. <i>Ocimum</i> spp.; <i>Linnophila geoffrayi</i> ; <i>Baccharis grandiflora</i> <i>Mallotus japonicus</i>	6,7-Dimethoxy-5,8,4'-trihydroxyflavone	+	+	+	54,55
Isomallotochromanol* and isomallotochromene	Fruits and vegetables e.g., tomato, onions Fruits and vegetables, tea	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> , <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> <i>Camellia sinensis</i> ; <i>Scutellaria</i> spp.	3,5,7,4'-Tetrahydroxyflavone 2-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-chromen-4-one	— —	— —	— —	58 25,59
Kaempferol	Guava, almond	<i>Psidium guajava</i> ; <i>Prunus dulcis</i>	2',3,4',5,7-Pentahydroxy-flavone	—	+	+	60
Luteolin*			2-(3,4,5-Trihydroxyphenyl)-3,5,7-Trihydroxy-chromen-4-one	—	—	—	61
Morin							
Myricetin	Fruits and vegetables						

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Nasunin	Eggplant	<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Delphinidin-3-( <i>p</i> -coumaroylrutinoside)-5-glucoside	—	—	—	62
Nobiletin	Citrus	<i>Citrus</i> spp.	5,6,7,8,3',4'-Hexamethoxyflavone	—	—	—	28
Nordihydroguaiaretic acid*		<i>Guaiacum officinale</i>		+	—	—	63
<i>Ochna macrocalyx</i>				+	—	—	64
Oenothein B		<i>Oenothera</i> spp.; <i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	Hydrolyzable ellagitannin	—	—	—	65
Panduratin A		<i>Kaempferia pandurata</i>	Condensed tannins	+	—	—	66
Procyandins	Tea, cranberries, apple, grape seeds, pear	<i>Camellia sinensis</i> ; <i>Vaccinium</i> spp.; <i>Prunus</i> spp.	2,3,4,6-Tetrahydroxy-5H-benzo(cyclohepten-5-one	—	—	—	67
Purputogallin		<i>Quercus</i> spp. Nutgall	Bioflavanoid extract	—	—	—	68,69
Pycnogenol	Maritime pine bark extract	<i>Pinus maritima</i>	2-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3,5,7-trihydroxy-chromen-4-one	+	—	—	70,71
Quercetin	Fruits and vegetables	<i>Malus</i> spp.; <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	1,8-Dihydroxy-3-carboxyanthraquinone	—	—	—	72
Rhein		<i>Daylilies (Hemerocallis</i> spp.); <i>Rheum officinale</i> ( <i>dahuang</i> )	Flavonolignan extract	+	—	—	73
Sanggenon C*	Mulberry	<i>Morus</i> spp.	Silymarin	+	—	—	74
Silymarin*	Milk thistle, artichokes	<i>Silybum marianum</i> ; <i>Cynara scolymus</i>	<i>Saururus</i> spp.	+	+	+	75,76,77
Sauceroloids*, sauchinone, and manassantins*				+	—	—	78,79
Tangeretin	citrus fruits	<i>Citrus</i> spp.	5,6,7,8,4'-Pentamethoxyflavone	—	—	—	80

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Wedelolactone*	Wedelolactone*	<i>Wedelia</i> spp.; <i>Eclipta alba</i>	1,8,9-Trihydroxy-3-methoxy-6H-benzofuro[3,2][1]benzopyran-6-one,	+ — —	—	—	—	81
Yakuchinones A and B		<i>Alpinia oxyphylla</i>	1-(4'-Hydroxy-3'-methoxyphenyl)-7-phenyl-3-heptanone, 1-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxyphenyl)-7-phenylhept-1-en-3-one	+ — —	—	—	—	82
<b>Terpenes</b>								
Andalusol*		<i>Sideritis foetens</i>	4-Methoxypropenylbenzene	+ — —	—	—	—	83
Anethol*, <sup>f</sup> and analogs	Broccoli, anise, cloves, cashew	<i>Brassica oleracea; Illicium verum; Ocimum spp.; Syzygium aromaticum; Anacardium occidentale; Hibiscus sabdariffa</i>		+ + +	—	+	+	84,85
Artemisinin (qinghaosu)		<i>Artemisia annua L.</i> spp.		+ — —	—	—	—	86
Avicins <sup>g</sup>		<i>Acacia victoriae</i>		+ — —	—	—	—	87
Azadirachtin <sup>h</sup>		<i>Azadirachta indica, A. Jussieu</i>		— — —	—	—	—	88
β-cryptoxanthin	Neem tree	<i>Daucus carota sativus; Citrus unshiu mar; Curcurbita moschata</i>		— — —	—	—	—	89,90
Bakuchiol (drupanol)*	Carrot, citrus fruits, pumpkin	<i>Carica papaya L. Physalis</i>	β,β-Caroten-3-ol 4-(3-ethenyl-3,7-dimethyl-1,6-octadienyl)-phenol	— + —	— — —	—	—	89,91
	Fruits	<i>Psoralea corylifolia (bennchi); Otholobium pubescens</i>		— — —	— — —	—	—	92
	Bennchi seeds							

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Betulinic acid*	Birch tree, almond hulls	<i>Betula</i> spp.; <i>Quisqualis Fructus</i> ; <i>Coussarea paniculata</i> ; <i>Alangium lamarcii</i>	3- $\beta$ -Hydroxy-lup-20(29)en-28-acid	+	—	—	93
Carnosol*	Rosemary, sage	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> ; <i>Sativa officinalis</i>	2H-9,4a-(epoxymethano)-phenanthren-12-one	+	—	—	94
Celastrol*		<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>		+	—	—	95
Costunolide*		<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> ; <i>Tsoungiodendron odoratum</i> ; <i>Saussurea lappa</i>		+	—	—	96
Cucurbitacins <sup>i</sup>	Cucurbitaceae	<i>Cucurbita andreana</i> ; <i>Trichosanthes kirilowii</i> ; <i>Elaeocarpus mastersii</i>	3- $\beta$ -( $\beta$ -D-Glucosyloxy)-16,23- $\alpha$ -epoxyecurbita-5,24-diene-11-one	—	—	—	97,98
Ergolide*		<i>Imula</i> spp.	Dihydrobergolvin	+	—	—	99
Excisanin A*		<i>Isodon (Rabdosia)</i> spp.		+	—	—	100
Foliol*		<i>Sideritis</i> spp.		+	—	—	101
Germacranoïdes *† and Eudesmanolides		<i>Carpesium divaricatum</i> ; <i>Montanoa hibisciifolia</i>		+	—	—	102,103
Ginkgo biloba ext.		<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>		+	—	—	104
Ginsenoside Rg <sub>3</sub> *	Licorice root	<i>Panax</i> spp.		+	—	—	105
Glycyrrhizin*		<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> ; <i>Glycyrrhiza uralensis</i>		+	—	—	106
Guiananolides*		<i>Viguiera gardneri</i>		+	—	—	107
Hellenalin*		<i>Arnicae</i> spp.; <i>Helenium aromaticum</i>		+	—	—	108
Hypoestoxide		<i>Hypoestes rosea</i>		+	—	—	109,110
Kamebacetal A*		<i>Isodon (Rabdosia)</i> spp.		+	—	—	100
Kamebakaurin		<i>Isodon (Rabdosia)</i> spp.	ent-kaur-16-ene-19-oic acid	+	—	—	100
Kaurenic acid*		<i>Sideritis</i> spp.	4-Isopropenyl-1-methyl-1-cyclohexane	—	+	+	101
Limonene	Citrus fruits	<i>Citrus</i> spp.					111
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Lineatrol*	Lutein	Tomato	<i>Sideritis</i> spp. <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	+ —	— —	— —	— —	101 112,113
Lycopene	Oleandrin*	Tomato	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> <i>Nerium oleander</i> ; <i>Plumeria obst</i>	— —	— —	— —	— —	112–114 115
Oxoacanthospernoldes*	Parthenolide*	Feverfew	<i>Milleria quinqueflora</i> <i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> and <i>T. larvatum</i> ; <i>Michelia champaca</i> ; <i>Talauma ovat</i> ; <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> ; <i>Artemisia myriantha</i>	+ + +	— — —	— — —	— — —	116 117,118
Pristimerin*			<i>Hippocratea</i> spp.; <i>Myrtillus</i> spp.; <i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> ; <i>Reissantia buchananii</i> ; <i>Salacia</i> <i>beddomei</i> ; <i>Heisteria pallida</i>	+ —	— —	— —	— —	119 120,121 122
Triptolide** (PG 490)	Ursolic acid*	Basil, rosemary, berries	<i>Tripterygium wilfordii</i> <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> ; <i>Ocimum</i> <i>sanctum</i> ; <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> ; <i>Oxycoccus quadrifolius</i> ; <i>Origanum</i> <i>majorana</i> ; <i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i> ; <i>Salvia przewalskii Maxim</i>	+ +	— —	— —	— —	123,124
AU: Should this be "Salsapichio"?	Withanolides	Solanaceae	<i>Withania</i> spp.; <i>Physalis angulata</i> ; <i>Sorpichroa origanifolia</i>	—	—	—	—	

<b>Alkaloids</b>		
Capsaicinoids*	Pepper, red chili, paprika fruits	<i>Capsicum</i> spp. 8-Methyl- <i>N</i> -vanillyl- <i>t</i> -trans-6- noneamide
Cepharanthine*		<i>Stephania cepharantha</i> + — —
Conophylline*		<i>Tabernaemontana</i> spp.; <i>Ervatamia</i> <i>microphylla</i> + — —
Higenamine	Ranunculaceae	<i>Aconitum japonicum</i> ; <i>Argemone</i> <i>mexicana</i> ; <i>Gnetum parvifolium</i> <i>Murraya koenigii</i> ; <i>Clausena</i> <i>dumetaria</i> ; <i>Murraya siamensis</i> <i>Murraya koenigii</i> ; <i>Micromelum</i> <i>minutum</i> <i>Papaver</i> spp.
Mahanimbine	Rutaceae	+ — —
Mahanamine	Rutaceae	+ — —
Morphine <sup>m</sup> and its analogues	Opium poppy	+ — + 134-136
Murrayanol	Rutaceae	+ — —
Piperine	Black pepper	+ — —
Rocaglamides*		+ — —
Tetrandrine*		+ — —
(sinomenine A)		+ — —
<i>Thionia diversifolia</i> ext.		+ — —
Allicin	Garlic	<b>Allylthiosulfinate</b> <i>Allium sativum</i> 2-Propene-1-sulfinothioic acid- S-2-propenyl ester
Lapachone	Ginseng, lapacho tree, trunkwood	<b>Benz[a]phenazine</b> <i>Tabebuia</i> spp. + + + 21

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	<b>Rotenone</b>		<b>Benzopyrene</b>		+	—	—	144
		<i>Derris</i> spp.						
			<b>Caffeic acid phenylethyl ester</b>		+	—	—	21
	<b>CAPE</b>	Honey bee propolis	<i>Apis mellifera capensis</i>					
			<b>Chlorophyll Catabolite</b>		+	—	—	145
			<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>					
	<b>Pheophorbide A</b>		<b>Glucosinolate</b>	4-Methyl[sulphinyl butyl]-isothiocyanate	—	—	—	146
			<i>Brassica oleracea</i>					
	<b>Sulphoraphane</b>	Brassicaceae, e.g., broccoli, cauliflower						
			<b>Indoles</b>	3-Indolemethanol	—	—	—	147
	<b>Indole-3-carbinol</b>	Brassicaceae, e.g., onions, cabbage	<i>Allium cepa; Brassica</i> spp.					
			<b>Iridoid glycoside</b>					
	<b>Aucubin*</b>	Algae	<i>Eucommia</i> spp.; <i>Veronica</i> spp.; <i>Vitis</i> spp.; <i>Globularia</i> spp.		+	—	—	148
			<b>Naptoquinone</b>					
			<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	5-Hydroxy-2-methyl-1,4-naphтоquinone	—	—	—	149
	<b>Plumbagin</b>							

<b>Phenyl Propanoid</b>	
1'-Acetoxychavicol acetate	Zingiberaceae
	<i>Zingiber officinale; Languas galanga</i>
<b>Phenolics</b>	
Ethyl gallate	Grapes, tea, red maple
	<i>Paeonia</i> spp.; <i>Sophora japonica; Vitis vinifera; Viellaria paradoxa;</i>
	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>
Gallic acid*	Fruits, e.g., guava
	<i>Psidium guajava; Erodium glaucophyllum; Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>
Gingerol	Ginger
	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>
Morellin	Indica fruit
Sphondin*	<i>Garcinia</i> spp. <i>Heracleum laciniatum; Ruta graveolens</i>
Rosemarinic acid	Rosemary, sage
Synapic acid	
Syringic acid	
Ganoderma lucidum ext.	Reishi
	<i>Ganoderma lucidum</i>
	<b>Polysaccharide</b>

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Garcinol <sup>n</sup> and its analogs	Garcinia indica fruit	<i>Garcinia</i> spp.	<b>Polyisoprenylated Benzophenone Derivatives</b>		—	—	—	161
Allixin	Garlic	<i>Allium sativum</i>	Phytoalexin	3-Hydroxy-5-methoxy-6-methyl-2-pentyl-4h-pyran-4-one	—	—	—	162
Calagualine		<i>Polypodium</i> spp.	Saponin		+	—	—	163
Resveratrol <sup>*oo</sup> and analogs	Japanese knotweed; berry fruits, . E.grapes, cranberries etc.	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> ; <i>Verastrum</i> spp.; <i>Vitis</i> spp.; <i>Vaccinium</i> spp.	Stilbene	<i>trans</i> -3,4',5'-Tritydroxystilbene	+	+	+	164-166
Aged garlic ext. $\alpha$ -lipoic acid <sup>*sp</sup>	Garlic Asparagus, wheat, potatoes	<i>Allium sativum</i>	Others	1,2-Dithiolanepentanoic acid	+	—	—	167,168
Apple ext. (juice)	Apple juice	<i>Malus</i> spp.			+	—	—	169-171
Astaxanthin*	Microalgae, algae	<i>Haematococcus pluvialis</i>		3,3'-Dihydroxy- $\beta$ , $\beta$ .carotene-4,4'-dione	+	—	—	172
					+	—	—	173

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$\beta$ -Glucan	Barley, soy bean, mushroom	<i>Avena sativa; Hordeum vulgare;</i> <i>Agaricus blazei</i>	—	—	—	174
$\beta$ -sitosterol	Plants, nuts, lapacha tree, cactus	<i>Glycine max; Arachis spp.; Miconia rubiginosa; Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	—	—	—	175
Cat's claw	Basil, thyme	<i>Uncaria tomentosa</i>	+	—	—	176
Cirsiliol		<i>Ocimum sanctum; Lantana montevidensis Briq.; Thymus vulgaris</i>	—	—	—	56
Diallylsulfide	Garlic, Chinese leek	Diallylsulfide	—	—	—	177
Flavokawains (Kava lactones)	Kava kava	<i>Allium sativum</i>	—	—	—	178
Germinated barley		<i>Piper methysticum</i>	—	—	—	
Personone A	Avocado	<i>Persea americana</i>	+	—	—	179
		1-(Acetoxy)-2-hydroxy-5,12,15-heneicosatrien-4-one	—	—	—	180
Pomegranate wine		<i>Punica granatum</i>	—	—	—	
S-allylcysteine*		<i>Allium sativum</i>	+	—	—	181
Stinging nettle ext.		<i>Urtica dioica</i>	—	—	—	182
Trans-Asarone	Carrot	<i>Daucus carota L.</i>	<i>trans-1-Propenyl-2,4,5-trimethoxybenzene</i>	—	—	183
			Ascorbic acid	+	—	185,186
AU: What do the blank spaces indicate?	Vitamin C* Vitamin E	Fruits and vegetables Plant seeds and vegetables	$\alpha$ -Tocopherol	+	—	187,188

Note: T and P refer to therapy and prevention, respectively; the asterisk indicates that the Chemical structure is shown in Figure 21.2 (A to D).

<sup>a</sup> Baicalein and its derivatives include baicalin, wogonin, and wogonin, 6-methoxy-baicalein (oroxylin A).

<sup>b</sup> Catechins include catechin, epicatechin, epicatechingallate, epigallocatechin, and epigallocatechingallate; theaflavins are polyphenols found in fermented green tea, i.e., black tea.

<sup>c</sup> Synthetic compound closely related to a polyphenol isolated from the Indian plant, *Diospyros binecatiflora*.

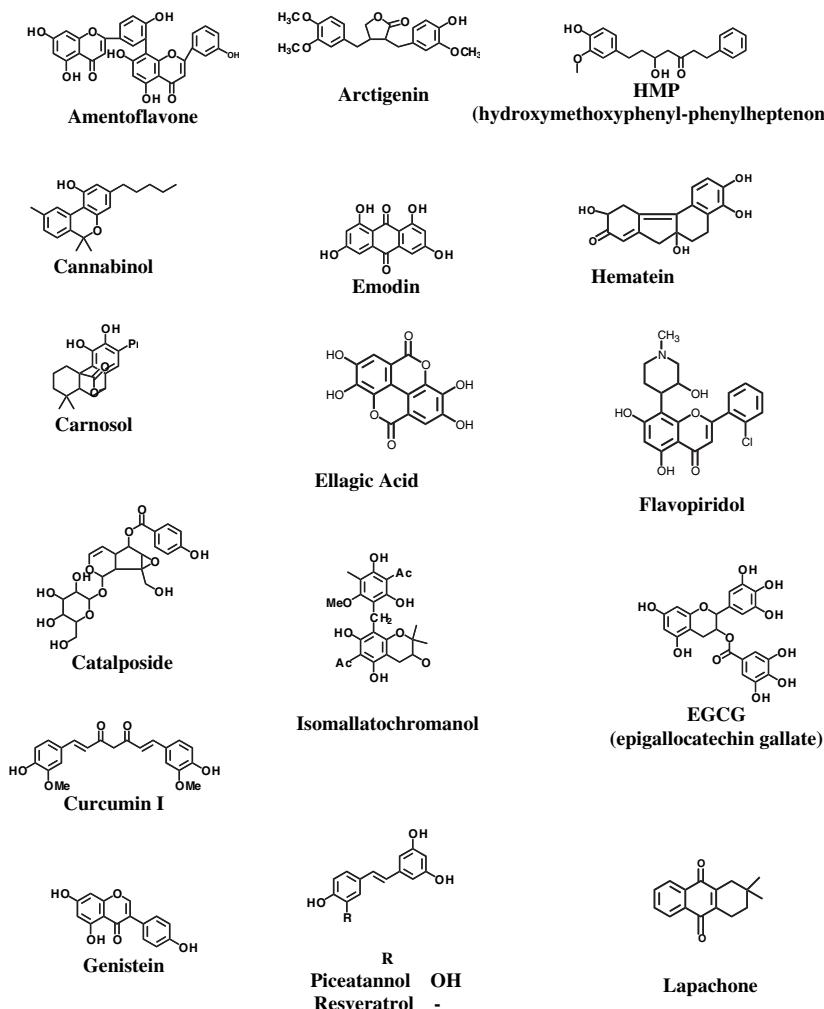
<sup>d</sup> *Glossogyne tenuifolia* is Chinese medicine Hiang-ju.

**TABLE 21.1 (continued)**  
**Natural Products from Plants that Exhibit Chemopreventive and Therapeutic Activities against Cancer**

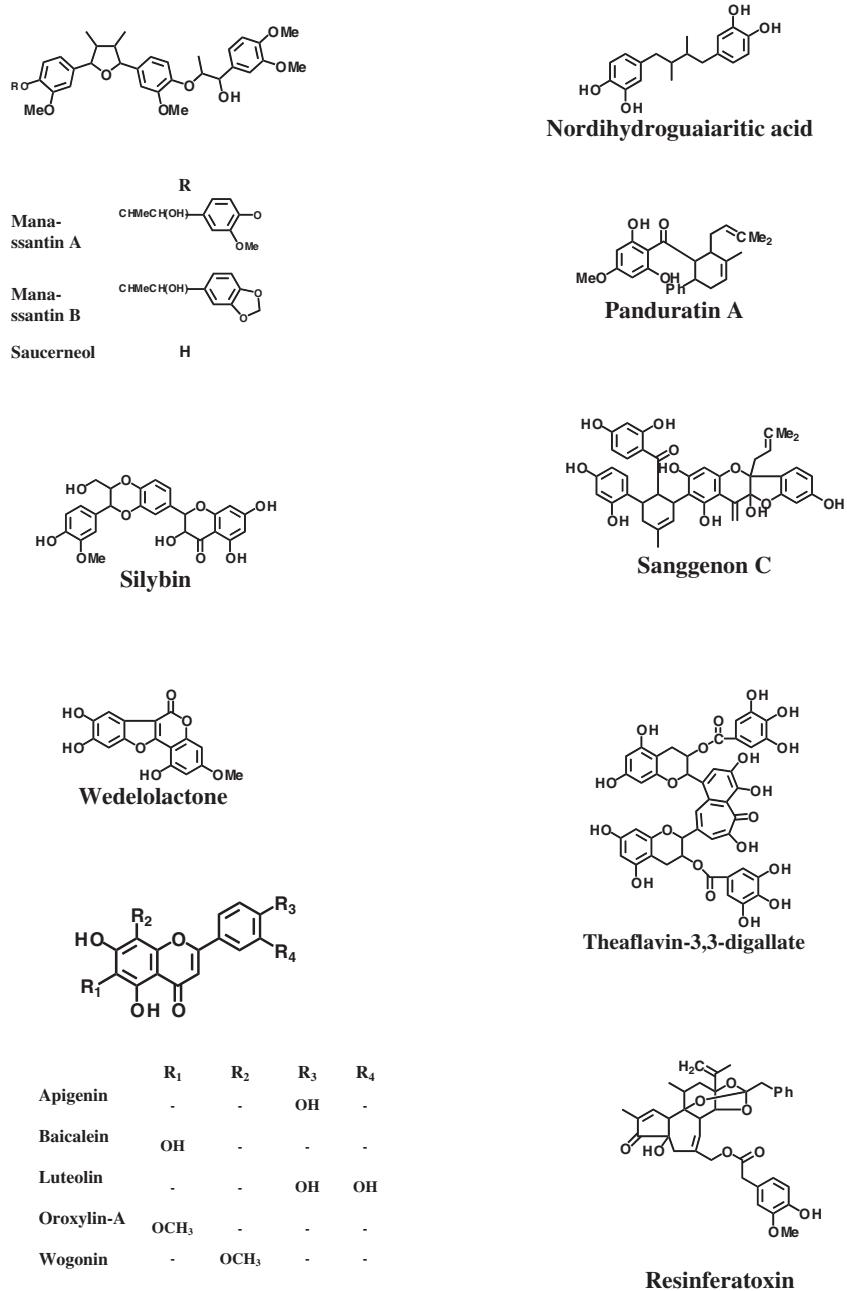
- <sup>e</sup> Silymarin includes silybin, siliбин, sildian, and silychrist.
- <sup>f</sup> Anethol and analogs include eugenol, bis-eugenol, iso-eugenol, and anetholdithiolthione.
- <sup>g</sup> Avicins include avicin D and avicin G.
- <sup>h</sup> Azadirachtin analogs include azadirachtin A, B, D, H, I, etc.
- <sup>i</sup> Curcubitacins analogs include curcubitacin B, D, E, etc.
- <sup>j</sup> Germacranoles include 2b,5-epoxy-5,10-dihydroxy-6a-angeloyloxy-9b-isobutyloxy-germacran-8a,12-olide.
- <sup>k</sup> Oxoacanthospermolides include methoxymiller-9Z-enolide.
- <sup>l</sup> Capsaicinoids include capsaicin\* and analogs, e.g., resiniferatoxin\* (daphnetoxin).
- <sup>m</sup> Morphine and its analogs include KT 90 and sanguinarine.
- <sup>n</sup> Garcinol and its analogs include isogarcinol.
- <sup>o</sup> Resveratrol and analogs include piceatannol.
- <sup>p</sup> α-Lipoic acid includes dihydrolipoic acid.

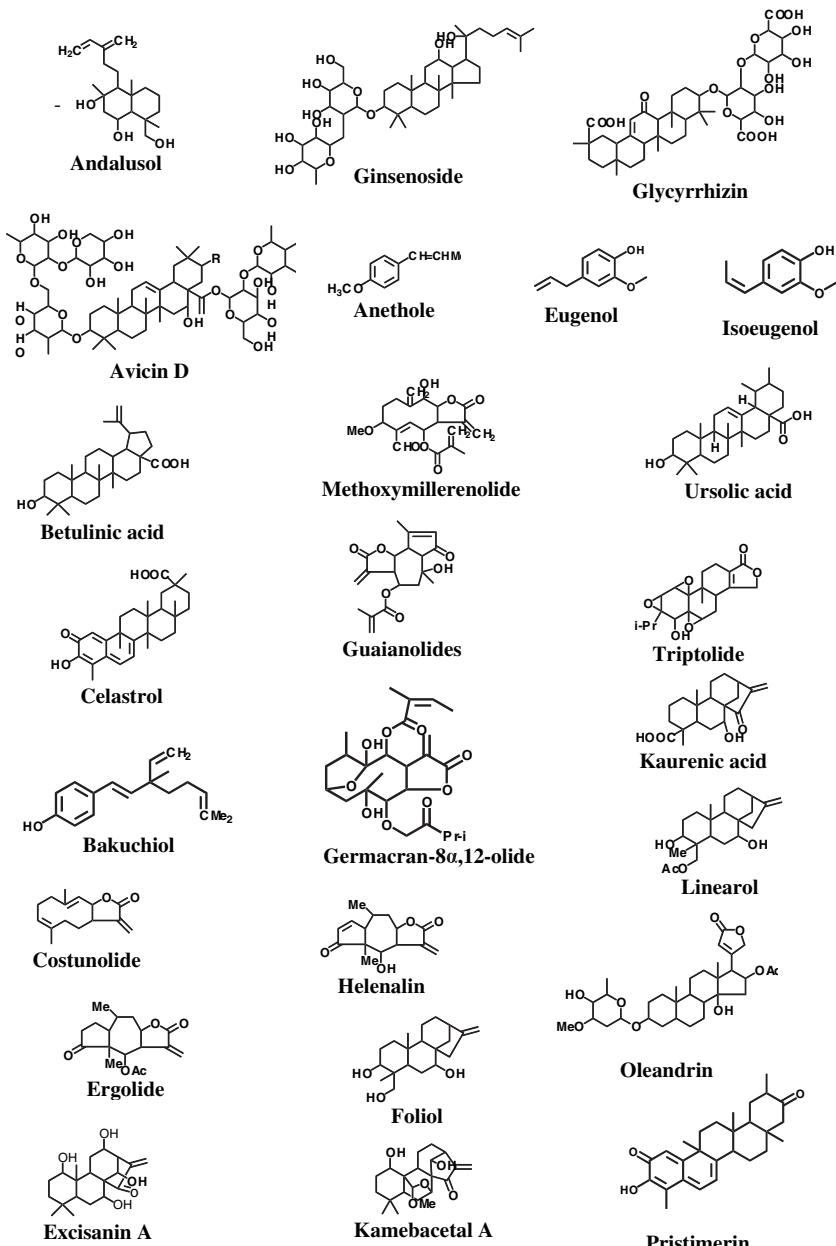
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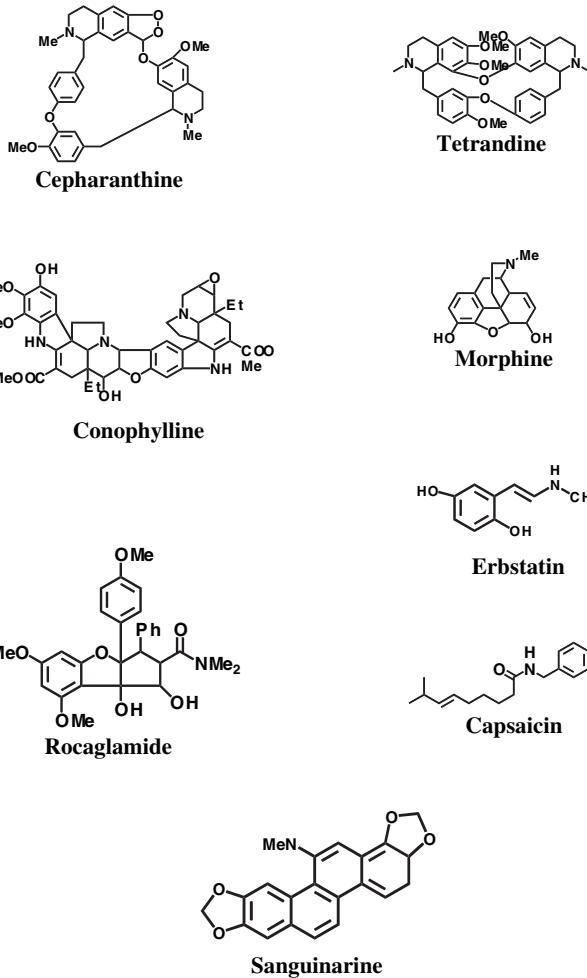
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**FIGURE 21.2A** Structure of some plant-derived polyphenols that block NF-κB.

that the synergies and additive effects of such treatments, coupled with their mild nature, allow for their safe use. The increase in the popularity and awareness of complementary medicine has resulted in its use for the therapy of a variety of human diseases and by a large percentage of cancer patients. For many such patients, the use of naturally derived plant compounds and plant extracts is an essential part of their treatment. In addition, people are now more aware of the health benefits associated with the use of natural products and plant-derived compounds and have turned to these because of the negative perceptions associated with synthetic compounds. Most of the compounds outlined in Table 21.1 are commonly used in the form of concentrated plant extracts, and combinations

**FIGURE 21.2B** Structure of some plant-derived terpenoids that block NF-κB.

**FIGURE 21.2C** Structure of some plant-derived alkaloids that block NF- $\kappa$ B.

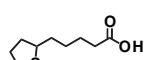
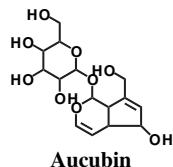


**FIGURE 21.2D** Structure of some plant-derived miscellaneous compounds that block NF- $\kappa$ B.

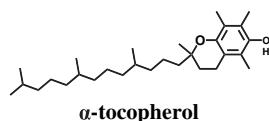
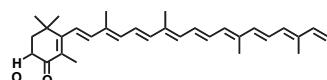
of these extracts can be very complex. However, although humans have been using complex mixtures for much longer than they have been using single isolated compounds or drugs, there is a need for careful standardization of dietary supplements and effective regulatory control to ensure human safety.

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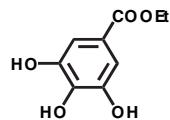
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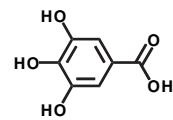
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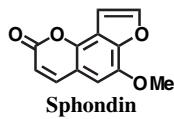
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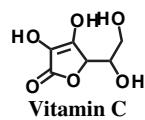
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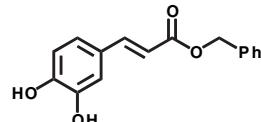
Gallic acid



Sphondin



Vitamin C

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(caffeic acid phenylethyl ester)

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I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$ : inhibitory subunit of NF- $\kappa$ B  
IKK: I $\kappa$ B kinase

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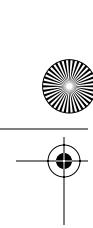
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