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Drug Repurposing in Cancer Therapy: A Systematic Review

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Table S1. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in prostate cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|------------|
| Fluoroquinolones | Antibiotic | inhibits key enzymes involved in DNA replication and cell cycle progression. They target DNA gyrase and topoisomerase-II, leading to DNA damage, cell cycle arrest, and ultimately apoptosis in cancer cells. | [70] |
| Propranolol | Beta blockers | Blocks beta-adrenergic receptors and inhibits PI3K/AKT/mTOR and MAPK pathways | [71] |
| Digoxin | Antiarrhythmic drug | Inhibits Na ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase & modulates PI3K/AKT/mTOR signaling. | [71] |
| Ouabain | Antiarrhythmic drug | Inhibition of Na ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase. | [71] |
| Aspirin | NSAIDs | Modulation of COX signaling pathways. | [71] |
| Celecoxib | NSAIDs | Modulation of COX signaling pathways. | [71] |
| Dexamethasone | Corticosteroids | Modulation of signaling pathways, e.g., PI3K/AKT/mTOR. | [71] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Inhibition of HMG-CoA reductase and reduction of cholesterol synthesis. | [71] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Activation of AMPK pathway and inhibition of cancer cell proliferation; Inhibiting Complex I decreases respiration and ATP production, and lowers insulin/IGF-1 levels. | [71], [49] |
| Itraconazole | Antifungal drugs | Hedgehog pathway inhibition & angiogenesis suppression. | [71] |
| Zoledronic acid | Bisphosphonates | Bisphosphonate mediated osteoclast inhibition & modification of tumor microenvironment. | [71] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Inhibition of HMG-CoA reductase and suppression of androgen synthesis and angiogenesis. | [72] |
| Diclofenac | Anticholinergics | Inhibition of COX and prostaglandin. | [72] |
| Chloroquine | Antibiotic | Inhibiting 20s/26s proteasome and inactivating NF-κB. | [72] |
| Nelfinavir | Protease inhibitors | Proteasome inhibition (20s/26s) and NF-κB inactivation & PI3K-Akt pathway blockade. | [72] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Ivermectin enhances anti-androgen drug Enzalutamide activity in LNCaP cells and reverses Docetaxel resistance in PC3 cells. Inhibits proliferation in DU145 cells. Restores sensitivity to endocrine therapy, suggesting a role in combination treatments. | [59] |

Table S2. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in ovarian cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | It inhibits HMG-CoA reductase, reducing mevalonate, downstream cholesterol and isoprenoid biosynthesis, which are essential for various cellular processes. | [73], [74], [75] [76] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Reactivates the AMPK pathway, which in turn inhibits mTOR signaling leading to several anti-cancer effects, including reduced protein and lipid synthesis, slower proliferation rates, activation of autophagy, and reduced inflammatory responses. | [73], [74], [75], [49] |
| Bisphosphonates | Antiresorptive drugs | Inhibits the proliferation of ovarian cancer cell lines in a concentration-dependent manner. Metformin can induce apoptosis in both primary ovarian cancer cells and SKOV-3 cells by downregulating Bcl-2 and Bcl-xL expression and upregulating Bax and Cytochrome c expression | [74] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Ivermectin interferes with several cellular mechanisms, including multidrug resistance proteins (MDR) inhibition, Akt/mTOR, and Wnt signaling pathways modulation, p21-activated kinase (PAK-1) and yes-associated protein 1 (YAP1). | [74] |
| Ritonavir | Antiviral drugs | Induces cell cycle arrest and apoptosis, primarily through inhibiting the AKT pathway and potentially by modulating other signaling pathways like surviving | [75] |
| Aspirin | NSAIDs | inhibition of cyclooxygenase enzymes, particularly COX-2, which is often overexpressed in tumors. By blocking COX-2, aspirin reduces the production of pro-inflammatory prostaglandins that promote tumor growth, angiogenesis, and metastasis. Additionally, aspirin can disrupt tumor-promoting signaling pathways and influence cellular processes like apoptosis and angiogenesis | [76] |
| Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Induces cell cycle arrest and autophagy via NF-κB suppression | [56] |
| Griseofulvin | Antifungal Drugs | Induces apoptosis and G2/M cell cycle arrest by disrupting microtubule polymerization, preventing mitotic spindle formation; suppresses spindle microtubule dynamics, leading to mitotic catastrophe and cancer cell death, particularly effective in rapidly dividing cells. | [69] |

Table S3. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in glioma cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Itraconazole | Antifungal Drugs | Binding with VDAC1 reduces mitochondrial ATP. | [49] |
| Hydroxychloroquine | Antibiotic | Alters mitochondrial function and bioenergetics & affects proteolytic systems | [77] |
| Levetiracetam | Antiepileptic drugs | Inhibiting neuronal hyperexcitability; disrupting neuron-glioma synaptic communication | [78] |
| Valproic acid | Antiepileptic drugs | Functions as a voltage-gated sodium channel blocker and t-type calcium channel blocker | [78] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Inhibits angiogenesis in a dose-dependent manner through downregulation of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), CD31, and Bcl-2 in glioblastoma model | [79] |
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Inhibits Akt phosphorylation and GLI1, reducing proliferation; suppresses EMT by downregulating vimentin, N-cadherin, Snail, Slug; reduces stemness markers (SOX2, OCT4, Nanog); enhances immune response by reducing Tregs and increasing M1 macrophages. | [68] |
| Disulfiram | Disulfide | Inhibits temozolomide-resistant GBM cells (IC ₅₀ = 100 nM), suppressing self-renewal at 500 nM; trials show DSF (500 mg/day) with temozolomide yields 5.4 months median progression-free survival | [80] |
| Chlorpromazine | Antipsychotic drugs | Promotes endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress and reactive oxygen species (ROS) accumulation, triggering the unfolded protein response (UPR), leading to apoptotic cell death. Inhibits AKT/mTOR signaling pathway, reducing cell survival and proliferation. Causes cell cycle arrest by inhibiting AKT/mTOR signaling or promoting EGR-1-mediated P21 expression, halting glioma cell proliferation. | [81] |
| Trifluoperazine | Antipsychotic drugs | Disrupts calcium homeostasis via IP3R, inhibits IDH1-calmodulin interaction, targets mitochondrial function to reduce glioma stem cell stemness, enhances chemosensitivity and improves radiotherapy efficacy. | [81] |
| Pimozide | Antipsychotic drugs | Inhibits STAT5 activity, reducing glioma cell growth. Blocks EGF transcription regulated by ID1 or promotes USP1-mediated ID1 degradation, suppressing proliferation. | [81] |
| Olanzapine | Antipsychotic drugs | Inhibits proliferation, migration, and anchorage-independent growth. Induces autophagic cell death by suppressing NF-κB activation. Elevates ROS production to increase cell death induced by ionizing radiation, while scavenging free radicals to protect normal cells. Enhances temozolomide (TMZ) antitumor activity, though specific mechanisms are unclear. | [81] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Limited efficacy due to poor blood-brain barrier penetration; no specific mechanisms provided as IVM's prospects for glioma treatment are deemed unoptimistic. | [59] |
| 5-Fluorocytosine | Antifungal Drugs | Used in gene-directed enzyme prodrug therapy (GDEPT), where it is converted by cytosine deaminase into 5-fluorouracil, a toxic metabolite that inhibits thymidylate synthase, disrupts DNA synthesis, and induces apoptosis in cancer cells. | [69] |

Table S4. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in pancreatic cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------------|---|--|-----------|
| Fluoxetine | Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) | Induces apoptosis and inhibiting proliferation, survival, and invasion pathways, including AKT/mTOR and NF- κ B. It also modulates immune responses and cellular stress pathways, enhancing the effectiveness of other cancer treatments. | [60] |
| Canagliflozin | SGLT2 inhibitors | Reducing glucose uptake; inhibiting PI3K-Akt/ β -catenin pathways | [53] |
| Glyburide | Antidiabetic drug | Modulating insulin/IGF pathways; ROS-dependent apoptosis | [53] |
| Pyruvium pamoate (PP) | Anthelmintic Agents | PP inhibits mitochondrial function and disrupts cancer cell energy metabolism in the hypoxic, nutrient-poor tumor microenvironment of PDAC, reducing proliferation and enhancing sensitivity to chemotherapeutic agents. | [82] |
| Aspirin | NSAIDs | Inhibit COX-1/COX-2; Modulate NF κ B or STAT3 pathway | [83] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Lower insulin/IGF-1 levels Activate AMPK which inactivates mTOR pathway | [83] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Prevent synthesis of mevalonic acid, which then activates small G proteins–Ras, Rho, and Rac; | [83] |
| Propranolol | Beta blockers | Block cAMP-dependent intracellular signaling and release of EGF Block PKA-dependent release of VEGF | [83] |
| Bisphosphonates | Bisphosphonates | Interfere with RAS and Rho pathways Inhibit tumor educated macrophages; | [83] |
| DPP-4 inhibitors | Antidiabetic drug | Stimulate pancreatic β -cells to release insulin, resulting in increased α - and β -cell mass | [83] |
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Triggers ER stress markers (BIP, CHOP, IRE1 β); activates PP2A phosphatase, leading to apoptosis; suppresses PRLR signaling, disrupting cell survival pathways; promotes autophagy-mediated apoptosis by impairing lysosomal formation. | [68] |
| Disulfiram | Disulfide | DSF with arsenic trioxide/ascorbic acid induces alternative cell death in Ras-mutated cell lines | [80] |

Table S5. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in leukemia cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Thalidomide | Immunomodulatory agents | thalidomide inhibits angiogenesis by interrupting processes mediated by bFGF and/or vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). | [84] |
| Imatinib | Kinase inhibitors | Imatinib's anticancer activity stems from its ability to inhibit the BCR-ABL tyrosine kinase. This inhibition blocks the cell's ability to grow and divide, ultimately leading to cell death (apoptosis) in cancer cells | [84] |
| Dasatinib | Kinase inhibitors | Dasatinib disrupts cellular processes like growth, adhesion, and migration that are often dysregulated in cancer. This disruption leads to cell death (apoptosis) and inhibits tumor growth, making dasatinib effective in treating certain leukemias and some solid tumors | [84] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Inhibits Complex I, which reduces ATP production, and reduces insulin/IGF-1 levels; activates AMPK pathway, and inhibits cell proliferation. | [49] |
| Clarithromycin | Antibiotic | Inhibition of autophagy by targeting hERG1 | [67] |
| Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Promotes ferroptosis via AMPK/mTOR/p70S6k-mediated autophagy | [56] |
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Activates PP2A, suppressing pro-survival kinases like Akt and MAPK; elevates intracellular ROS, inducing both autophagy and apoptosis. | [57] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Preferentially kills leukemia cells at low concentrations without affecting normal hematopoietic cells by increasing chloride ion influx, leading to plasma membrane hyperpolarization and reactive oxygen species (ROS) production. Synergizes with cytarabine and daunorubicin to enhance treatment efficacy. | [59] |

Table S6. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in liver cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Fluoroquinolones | Antibiotic | They target DNA gyrase and topoisomerase-II, leading to DNA damage, cell cycle arrest, and ultimately apoptosis in cancer cells | [48] |
| Valproic acid | Antiepileptic | Decreases Respiration & ATP production | [49] |
| Aspirin | NSAIDs | Reduce stress signaling pathways & COX inhibition | [50] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase - Decrease in mevalonate and downstream cholesterol biosynthesis. Inhibition of isoprenoid metabolites required for cellular functions | [51] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Inhibits Complex I, which reduces ATP production, and reduces insulin/IGF-1 levels; activates AMPK pathway, and inhibits cell proliferation. | [85] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Inhibits HMG-CoA reductase, affects mevalonate pathway; prolongs survival in advanced HCC with 5-FU; shows weaker pro-apoptotic activity compared to lipophilic statins. | [55] |
| Disulfiram | Disulfide | DSF/Cu with anti-PD-1 antibody inhibits PARP1, reducing GSK3 β activity, upregulating PD-L1, and increasing T-cell infiltration, enhancing tumor suppression | [58]. |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Inhibits tumor development by blocking YAP1 activity in spontaneous liver cancer models (Mob1b $^{-/-}$ mice) | [59] |
| Terbinafine | Antifungal Drugs | Inhibits squalene epoxidase (SQLE), disrupting sterol biosynthesis and leading to accumulation of toxic intermediates; suppresses Raf-MEK-ERK signaling pathway, which regulates cell proliferation and survival, thereby inducing apoptosis in cancer cells. | [69] |

Table S7. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in lung cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Fluoroquinolones | Antibiotic | They target DNA gyrase and topoisomerase-II, leading to DNA damage, cell cycle arrest, and ultimately apoptosis in cancer cells | [70] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Inhibits Complex I results in decreased respiration & ATP production leads to Reducing insulin/IGF-1 levels | [49] |
| Canagliflozin | SGLT2 inhibitors | Reducing glucose uptake; inhibiting PI3K-Akt/ β -catenin pathways | [53] |
| Dexamethasone | Corticosteroids | Suppresses inflammatory cytokines, alters chemotherapeutic pharmacokinetics | [63] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Blocks mevalonate pathway, impairing YAP/TAZ activity; reduces GGPP and RhoA activity, inhibiting proliferation, migration, and invasion (e.g., gastric cancer); enhances efficacy of combination therapies (e.g., FAC in breast cancer); promotes apoptosis. | [55] |
| Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | ER stress induction, STAT3 suppression, ferroptosis, AMPK activation | [56] |
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Causes mitochondrial ATP depletion and downregulates PGC-1 α and SIRT1; induces autophagy through ER stress and unfolded protein response (UPR); inhibits AKT/MMP signaling and EMT, reducing metastasis; triggers intrinsic apoptosis via caspase activation. | [68] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Inhibits proliferation of H1299 lung cancer cells by targeting YAP1 activity. Synergizes with erlotinib by regulating EGFR activity, enhancing cell killing in HCC827 cells. | [59] |
| Sertaconazole | Antifungal Drugs | Induces proapoptotic autophagy by triggering endoplasmic reticulum stress and reactive oxygen species accumulation, leading to autophagic cell death; may also inhibit fungal-like pathways in cancer cells, though specific targets remain unclear. | [69] |

Table S8. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in gastric cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Inhibits Complex I results in decreased respiration & ATP production leading to reduced insulin/IGF-1 levels; Inhibits cell proliferation, migration, and stemness; induces apoptosis and G0/G1 cell cycle arrest | [49] |
| Fluoxetine | Antidepressant (SSRI) | Inhibits cell proliferation, induces apoptosis via caspase activation, PARP cleavage, and endoplasmic reticulum stress (CHOP expression) in AGS cells | [86] |
| Valproic acid | Antiepileptic | Inhibits cell proliferation and migration, induces apoptosis, autophagy, and G1 phase cell cycle arrest; in vivo, inhibits growth via autophagy and apoptosis | [86] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Inhibit cell proliferation, induce apoptosis; Lovastatin suppresses HDAC2 in vivo | [86] |
| Propranolol | Beta blockers | Inhibits cell proliferation, induces apoptosis, and G0/G1 cell cycle arrest; suppresses proliferation in vivo | [86] |
| Verteporfin | Photosensitizing agents | Inhibits YAP1/TAZ-TEAD transcriptional activity, suppresses tumor growth" | [86] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Inhibits proliferation of gastric cancer cells (e.g., MKN1, SH-10-TC) in vivo and in vitro by targeting Yes-associated protein 1 (YAP1) expression, which plays an oncogenic role in tumorigenesis (Page 3, [39]). Cells with high YAP1 expression are more sensitive to IVM. | [59] |

Table S9. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in bladder cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Metformin can inhibit BC by inducing apoptosis or cell cycle arrest, by activating various signaling pathways, blocking BC stem cell proliferation, and enhancing the efficacy of targeted therapy and chemotherapy drugs in BC cells. | [87] |
| Fluoroquinolones | Antibiotic | inhibits key enzymes involved in DNA replication and cell cycle progression. They target DNA gyrase and topoisomerase-II, leading to DNA damage, cell cycle arrest, and ultimately apoptosis in cancer cells | [48] |
| Ciclopirox | Antifungal Drugs | CPX works by chelating iron, and this influences many pathways such as ribonucleotide reductase, Myc, DJ-1, Wnt/ β -catenin, DOHH/eIF5A/PEAK1, VEGFR-3/ERK1/2, ATR/Chk1/Cdc25A, and AMPK/TSC/mTORC1 signaling | [56] |
| Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Induces autophagy-dependent apoptosis via AMPK-mTOR-ULK1 pathway | [56] |
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Induces lysosomal membrane permeabilization, releasing enzymes that lead to apoptosis; causes phosphatidylserine redistribution, an early apoptosis marker. | [57] |

Table S10. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in melanoma.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Azacitidine | Demethylating agent | Induces hypomethylation by inhibiting DNMT1, thereby reactivating silenced genes. Increased expression of antigen-presenting molecules (e.g., HLA-A) and interferon (IFN) response genes | [88] |
| Carboplatin | Alkylating agent | DNA-damaging agent; synergizes with azacitidine to enhance immune visibility of tumors | [88] |
| Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Suppresses IL-6-JAK-STAT3 pathway | [56] |
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Causes accumulation of unesterified cholesterol, disrupting membrane integrity; reduces tumor volume and inhibits proliferation in vivo. | [59] |

Table S11. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in multiple myeloma.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Chloramphenicol | Antibiotic | Inhibits mitochondrial protein synthesis & decreased ATP | [49] |
| Leflunomide | Antirheumatic agents | DHODH Inhibition & Tyrosine Kinase Inhibition | [89] |
| Disulfiram | Disulfide | Copper-dependent glycolysis inhibition, ROS induction | [79] |
| Thalidomide | Immunomodulatory agents | Immunomodulation; targeting inflammatory pathways | [79] |

Table S12. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in adenocarcinoma.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Aspirin | NSAIDs | Inhibits COX-1/COX-2 enzymes, reducing prostaglandin synthesis and modulating inflammatory pathway | [90] |
| Statins | Antihyperlipidemic drugs | Block HMG-CoA reductase, disrupting the mevalonate pathway and protein prenylation | [90] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Activates AMPK, inhibiting mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) pathway and cellular proliferation | [90] |

Table S13. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in NSCLC.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Auranofin | Antirheumatic agents | disrupt the redox balance in cancer cells by inhibiting thioredoxin reductase (TrxR). This inhibition leads to increased reactive oxygen species (ROS) levels, ultimately triggering cell death through apoptosis and other mechanisms | [49] |
| Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Induces ER stress, suppresses asparagine synthetase, triggers apoptosis | [56] |
| Disulfiram | Disulfide | DSF/Cu inhibits NF-kB signaling, proteasome activity, and ALDH activity, inducing apoptosis; evokes ER stress and autophagy; binds NPL4, causing immobilization and cell death; generates ROS via copper chelation. | [58] |

Table S14. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in squamous cell carcinoma.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Atovaquone | Anthelmintic Agents | Blocking Complex III leads to less respiration, less ATP, and reduced mitochondrial mass. | [49] |
| Disulfiram | Disulfide | DSF/Cu (50 mg/kg) induces autophagic cell death, inhibiting tumor growth in xenografts | [58] |
| Ketoconazole | Antifungal Drugs | Interferes with drug metabolism by inhibiting cytochrome P450 enzymes (e.g., CYP3A4), leading to increased exposure of co-administered drugs like lapatinib and reduced clearance of docetaxel, enhancing their anticancer effects. | [69] |

Table S15. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in cervical cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Fluoroquinolones | Antibiotic | Exhibit anticancer activity by inhibiting key enzymes involved in DNA replication and cell cycle progression. They target DNA gyrase and topoisomerase-II, leading to DNA damage, cell cycle arrest, and ultimately apoptosis in cancer cells | [70] |
| Aspirin | NSAIDs | Inhibition of COX-2 reduces the production of pro-inflammatory prostaglandins that promote tumor growth, angiogenesis, and metastasis. Additionally, aspirin can disrupt tumor-promoting signaling pathways and influence cellular processes like apoptosis and angiogenesis. | [76] |

Table S16. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in osteosarcoma.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Auranofin | Antirheumatic agents | Auranofin disrupts the redox balance in cancer cells by inhibiting thioredoxin reductase (TrxR) leading to increased reactive oxygen species (ROS) levels, ultimately triggering cell death through apoptosis and other mechanisms | [49] |
| Metformin | Antidiabetic drug | Blocking Complex I lowers respiration and ATP production, and also reduces insulin/IGF-1 levels. | [49] |

Table S17. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in renal cancer.

| Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Induces ER stress-mediated UPR, triggering autophagy and subsequent apoptosis; suppresses GLI1 oncogene and Ki-67 proliferation marker. | [57] |
| Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Ivermectin reduces mitochondrial membrane potential, inhibits mitochondrial respiration, and decreases ATP production. It also increases the expression of mitochondrial stress marker HEL in tumor tissues. Effects are reversed by mitochondrial fuel (acetyl-L-carnitine) and antioxidants (N-acetyl-L-cysteine). | [59] |

Table S18. Repurposed drugs along with their mechanism in other various cancers.

| Cancer type | Repurposed drug | Classification of the drug | Mechanism of action | Reference |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| GIST | Auranofin | Antirheumatic agents | disrupts the redox balance in cancer cells by inhibiting thioredoxin reductase (TrxR) leading to increased reactive oxygen species (ROS) levels, ultimately triggering cell death through apoptosis and other mechanisms. | [49] |
| Cholangiocarcinoma | Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Inhibits proliferation of KKKU214 cholangiocarcinoma cells in a dose and time dependent manner. Induces cell cycle arrest in S phase and promotes apoptosis. Shows efficacy against gemcitabine-resistant KKKU214 cells, suggesting utility against chemotherapy-resistant tumors. | [59] |
| B-cell lymphoma | Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Activates CaMKK2-AMPK-ULK1 axis, triggers autophagy. | [56] |
| Endometrial cancer | Aspirin | NSAIDs | By inhibits COX-2, Aspirin reduces the production of pro-inflammatory prostaglandins that promote tumor growth, angiogenesis, and metastasis. | [76] |
| B- cell lymphoma & gallbladder cancer | Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Activates AMPK/PFKFB3 signaling, suppressing glycolysis and energy metabolism. Shows synergistic effect when combined with 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) or AMPK inhibitor Compound C. | [57] |
| Laryngeal carcinoma | Artemisinin | Antimalarial drugs | Suppresses STAT3, inhibits cancer stem cell-induced metastasis. | [56] |
| Medulloblastoma | Itraconazole | Antifungal Drugs | Itraconazole inhibits Hedgehog pathway by blocking smoothed receptor and reduces tumor growth by inhibiting AKT/mTOR signaling, which suppresses cell proliferation and survival. It also inhibits angiogenesis by reducing VEGF signaling, and by limiting tumor blood supply and blocking HER2/AKT signaling. | [69] |
| Nasopharyngeal carcinoma | Ivermectin | Anthelmintic Agents | Exerts cytotoxic effects in vitro by reducing PAK1 kinase activity, which inhibits the MAPK pathway. | [59] |
| Esophageal cancer | Penfluridol | Antipsychotic drugs | Inhibits glycolysis via activation of AMPK/FOXO3a/BIM pathway, leading to energy stress and apoptosis. | [68] |

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