

A Systematic and Comprehensive Review on Recent Trends in Helicobacter Pylori Eradication: Current Opinion and Future Perspective

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ABSTRACT

Helicobacter pylori is a spiral-shaped, Gram-negative, microaerophilic flagellate. It may cause duodenal/gastric ulcer disease, gastritis, gastric adenocarcinoma, mucosa-associated tissue lymphoma, and primary B-cell gastric lymphoma. The delay in creating an *H. pylori* vaccination has led to novel treatment options. Eradication treatment is difficult since there are so many medication combinations with different effectiveness and toxicity. Herbal medicines have recently been proposed as a storehouse for innovative bioactive chemicals mostly in existing drug manufacturing landscape. Commercial viability of highly effective medication has not yet been shown after a number of research have been conducted to find highly active and well-tolerated medicines. These include extended DDS that increases the anti- *h.pylori* activity of antimicrobials in the stomach and can be used peptic ulcer disease therapy. Since most antibiotics are unstable in acidic environments, a gastro protective GRDDS is needed. Bacteriophages may replace antibiotic treatment due to their host specificity and restricted range of action. Gene editing tools may cleave species-specific sections of the bacterial DNA and can act as antimicrobial. Zinc fingers, PNAs, and CRISPR-Cas systems are used to modify genes. Studies have also shown the antibacterial activity of metallic nanoparticles, indicating their usage in medical devices.

Abbreviations: NPS: Nanoparticles; *H. Pylori*: Helicobacter Pylori; MALT: Mucosa-Associated Tissue Lymphoma; DDS: Drug Delivery Systems; CRISPR-Cas 9: Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats And CRISPR-Associated Protein 9; PPI: Proton Pump Inhibitor; Sno2: Tin Oxide; AgNPs: Silver Nanoparticle; Au: Gold, Zno: Zin Oxide

Introduction

Helicobacter pylori is a spiral-shaped, microaerophilic, Gram-negative flagellate bacterium. It is suspected of playing a role in the development of diseases such as duodenal/gastric ulcer

disease, gastritis, gastric adenocarcinoma, mucosa-associated tissue lymphoma (MALT), and primary B-cell gastric lymphoma [1]. It is important to keep in mind, in light of the pharmacological

treatment that is being administered at the present time, that the primary drugs being administered may not have an impact, mostly as a result of drug resistance. Since the efficacy of empirical treatment has decreased and the rate of *H. pylori* eradication is directly dependent on the strain's susceptibility to the antibiotics that are currently in use, it is known that *H. pylori* is a high priority group that is in urgent need of new antimicrobials. This is because [2,3]. Alterations in the enzymatic systems may lead to metronidazole resistance mechanisms [4]. These changes interfere with the normal growth and development of microorganisms. This antimicrobial displays the most prevalent antibiotic resistance seen in *H. pylori* (20-95 percent): 99.5 percent in Asia, 79.4 percent in America, 83.0 percent in Europe, and 57.0 percent in Oceania. Because it has such a high incidence of resistance, clarithromycin is the antimicrobial treatment of choice for eradicating *H. pylori*; nonetheless, this poses a significant problem at the time (0-50 percent). Changes in genes that encode a domain of one of the subunits of the prokaryotic ribosome, in addition to other enzymes connected to the process of protein synthesis, are responsible for its resistance mechanism, which may be found in reference number [5]. The development of resistance to amoxicillin is linked to structural alterations, such as variations in penicillin-binding proteins [6]. In *H. pylori*, resistance to levofloxacin, rifampicin, and furazolidone is believed to be low and unimportant; nonetheless,

the levels of all of these antimicrobial resistances are growing with time [7,8].

Therefore, gaining a knowledge of the mechanism of resistance as well as the prevalence of the antibiotics employed in the eradication of *H. pylori* is essential for the search for new medications and better therapy. Novel medicines may be of assistance in the management of *H. pylori* patients, even in the face of the development of drug resistance. In recent years, a number of different drug delivery systems (DDS) have been created with the purpose of delivering medications to the stomach in a more specific manner. Extended residence periods of DDS in the stomach may lead to local action in the upper GI tract, such as in the treatment of peptic ulcer disease. This can also contribute to enhanced bioavailability for medications that are largely absorbed easily upon release in the GI tract. Because of problems with the stability of most antibiotics in an acidic environment, a GRDDS that is gastro-protective to the encapsulated medication is necessary in order to circumvent this problem. Antimicrobial peptides, which are substances generated by cells as a consequence of innate immunity in order to create protection against several infections, are another possibility that has been investigated and looked into as a possible treatment option. They are able to influence cellular membranes as well as intracellular activities [9] (Table 1).

Table 1: Shows different combination of antibiotics for Helicobacter Pylori [41,42].

Dual Therapy			
S.No	Therapy	Medication	Dosage
1	PPI Dual Therapy	Omeprazole + Amoxicillin /Clarithromycin	20 to 40mg OD and Bid + 1500 to 2000mg/day
Triple Therapy			
1	PPI Triple Therapy	Omeprazole + Clarithromycin + Tinidazole/ Metronidazole	20mg bid/qid + 250 to 500 bid + 500mg qid/250 to 500mg bid
2	Bismuth Triple Therapy	Bismuth + Tetracycline + Metronidazole/ Tinidazole	120mg qid +250 to 500qid+200 to 500 qid
3	H2 Receptor antagonist TripleTherapy	Ranidine + Amoxicillin + Metronidazole	300mg qid + 750mg tid + 500mg tid
4	Levofloxacin Triple Therapy	Levofloxacin + Amoxicillin + PPI	250mg bid + 1g bid + twice daily
Quadruple Therapy			
1	Bismuth Quadruple Therapy	Omeprazole + Bismuth + Tetracycline + Metronidazole	20mg bid + 120mg qid + 500mg qid + 500mg tid
Adjuvant Therapy			
1	Adjuvant Therapy	Bovine lactoferrin, Probiotics, Curcumin	200mg bid

Also, many studies have been performed on a great number of plant varieties. Natural products exhibit their own anti-*H. Pylori* actions via different mechanisms. While therapeutic agents have either ant secretory or healing effects, prophylactic compounds produce their effect via their antioxidant and anti-inflammatory mechanisms. Bacteriophages can provide a valid therapeutic alternative and can substitute antibiotic therapy phages possess

very unique qualities such as Host specificity and narrow spectrum of its activity disturbs the microbiota negligibly and have very good safety parameters [10-19]. Phages are tolerated very safely by the human body as they replicate inside specific bacterium and has no interaction with human body cells or its molecular mechanisms [20], Bacteria also develops resistance towards phages like antibiotics but engineering new phages are much

easier than inventing new antibiotics [21]. Gene editing techniques are also very interesting because of their capacity to target and cleave particular regions within the bacterial genome in a way that is species-specific. This may lead to antimicrobials that have the narrowest range imaginable. Zinc fingers [22-25], transcription activation-like effector nucleases [26], peptide nucleic acids [27], RNA interference (RNAi) [28], and CRISPR-Cas systems [29-35] are

the techniques that are used for editing genes. Particulate systems are needed to penetrate the mucus barrier. This is necessary in order to get around the limits of mucoadhesive systems. Many recent studies also reported the antimicrobial efficacy of metallic nanomaterials, suggesting their potential use in medical devices Figures 1-5.

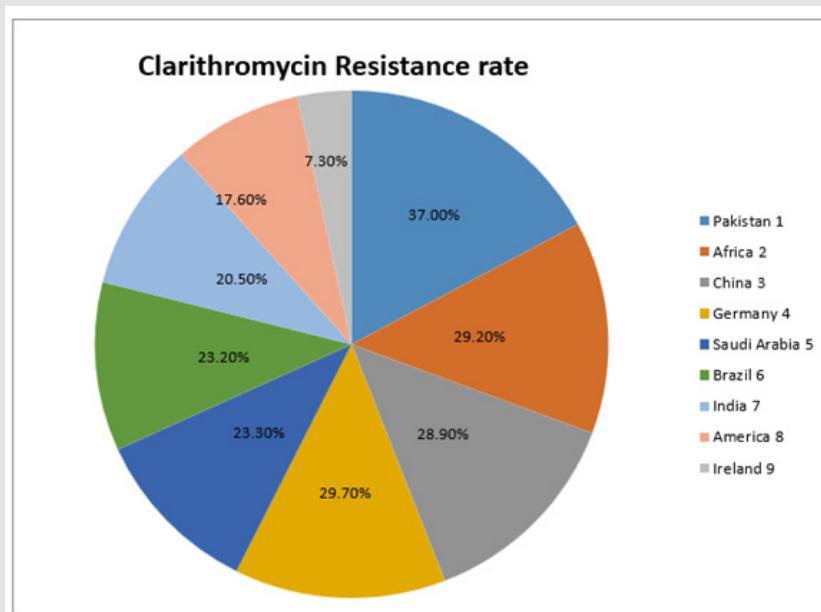


Figure 1: Clarithromycin Resistance Rate globally [43-52].

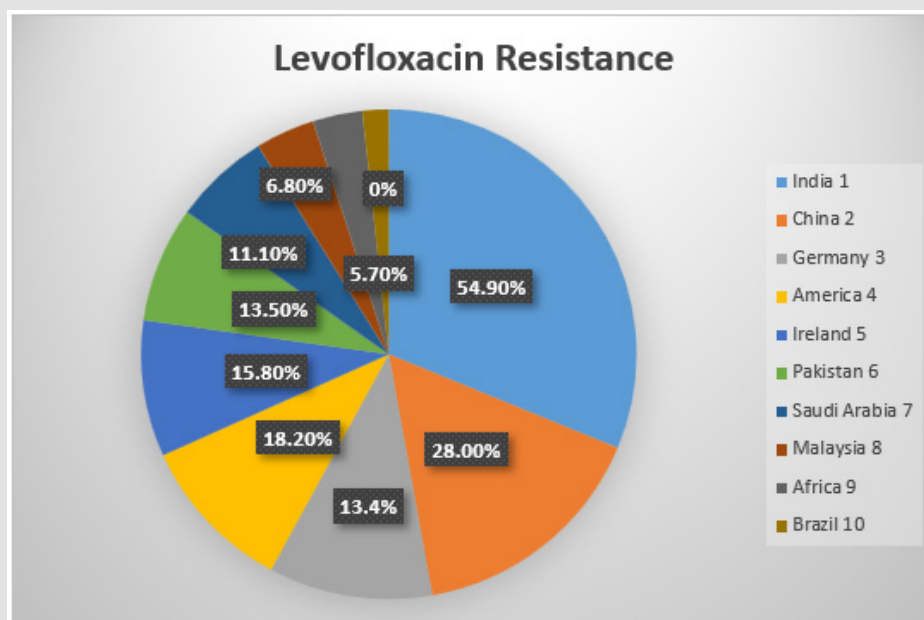


Figure 2: Levofloxacin Resistance Rate globally.

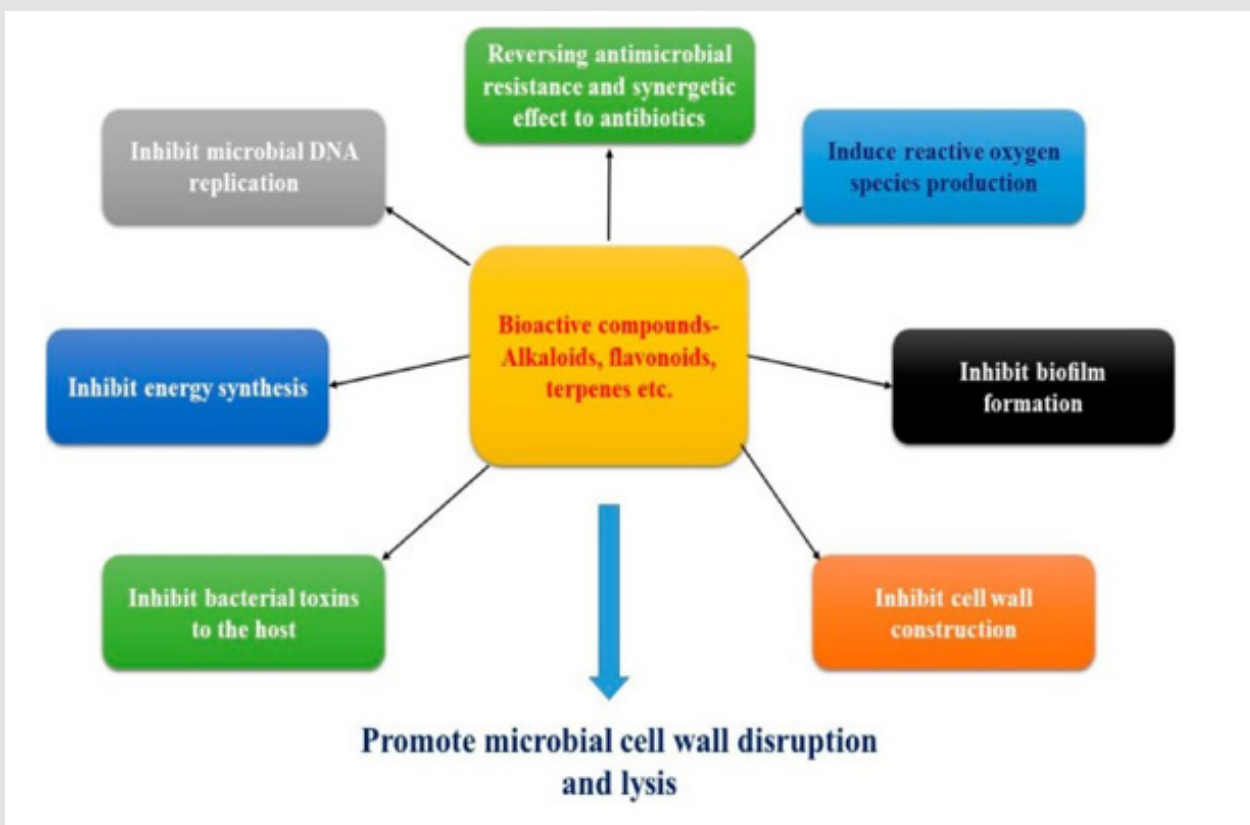


Figure 3: Shows the flow chart of phytochemicals antimicrobial activity [212].

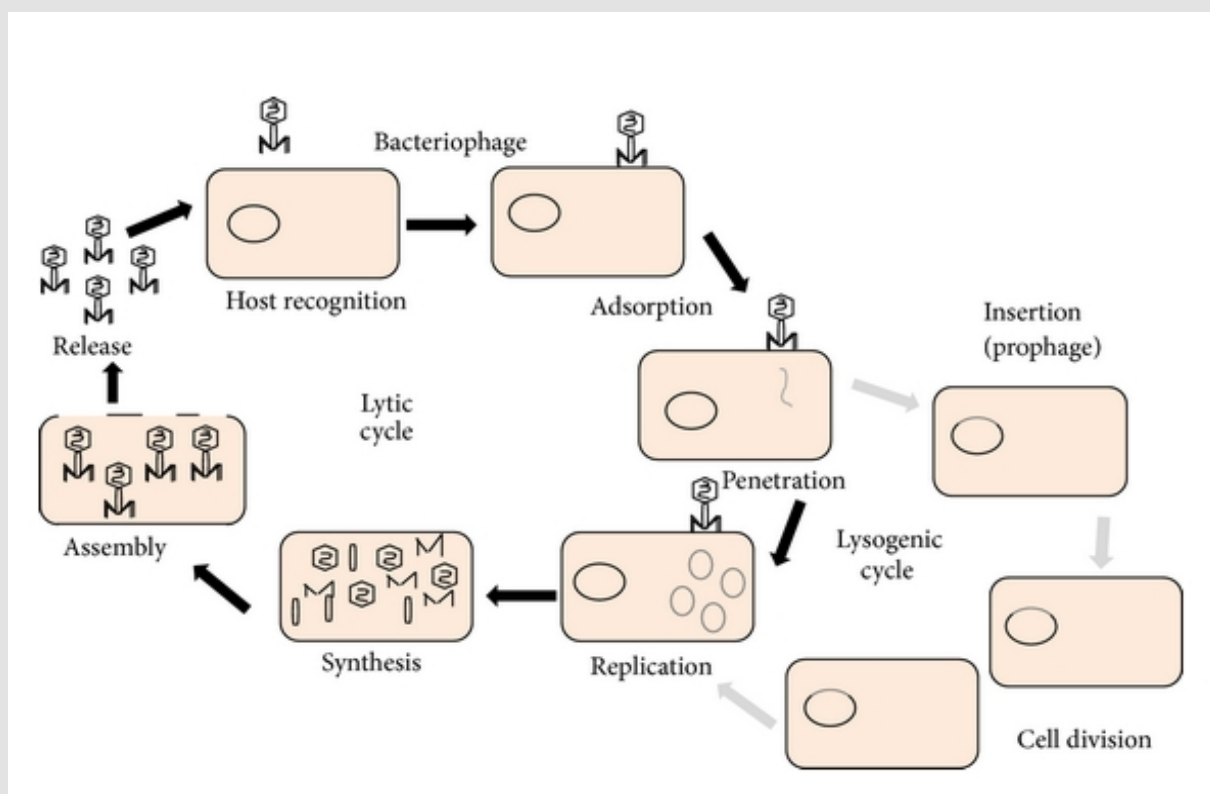


Figure 4: Shows bacterial cell lysis through bacteriophages [210].

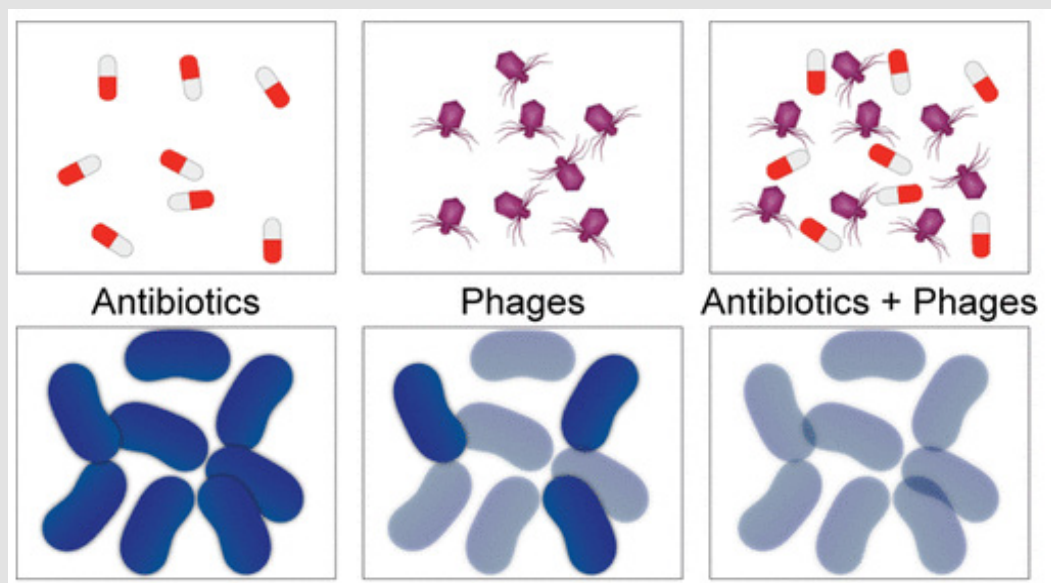


Figure 5: Shows phage-antibiotic synergism [211].

Antibiotics a Gold Standard for *H. Pylori* Eradication

The current gold standard for the eradication of *H. pylori* infections in adults is a treatment regimen consisting of either triple or quadruple combination therapy. The use of a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) as a pH-control pharmaceutical in conjunction with the concurrent or sequential administration of two antibiotics (clarithromycin, metronidazole, or amoxicillin) over a period of one to two weeks constitutes triple therapy. Unfortunately, the increasing prevalence of antibiotic resistance is posing a threat to the efficacy of this treatment [36]. Antibiotic resistance can be caused by escape mutations, drug inactivation, and drug efflux pumps, and altered membrane permeability. However, recalcitrant and recurrent infections can also be caused by antibiotic tolerance caused by the presence of biofilm-embedded or dormant, no replicating bacteria [37-40]. Metronidazole was shown to be the most resistant of the *H. pylori* antibiotics studied, followed by clarithromycin and amoxicillin, with levofloxacin and amoxicillin having the second-highest rates of resistance at 18.94% and 14.67%, respectively. A 2-year assessment of *H. pylori* eradication effectiveness and best treatment regimens is conducted by the Maastricht group in Europe [41]. Recent years have seen an increase in the recommendation of 2-week treatment and quadruple therapy, which includes bismuth or another antibiotic (such as tetracycline, levofloxacin, or furazolidone), as a first-line therapy [41-45] Figures 6-10. Because of the high dose and lengthy duration of these medications, patient noncompliance is a major contributor to treatment failure. Rescue therapy is an option if treatment fails, however it is only indicated for individuals who have had three or more unsuccessful treatments [46].

A combination of rifabutin and a high-dose PPI is often administered [47]. The antibiotic moenomycin, a transglycosylase inhibitor that prevents peptidoglycan production in Gram-positive bacteria and exhibits strong efficacy against *H. pylori* and stomach ulcers, has also been found to be beneficial [48-50]. Antibacterial efficacy against multidrug-resistant organisms suggests that moenomycin may be a suitable rescue antibiotic [51]. Prolonged therapy with broad-spectrum antibiotics may have negative health consequences on the commensal microbiome, in addition to diminishing eradication efficiency. As well as causing short-term problems such as *Clostridium difficile* blooms, antibiotic-induced dysbiosis can also have long-term effects on health, including the development of inflammatory bowel syndromes and the acceleration of metabolic diseases such as weight gain, fat accumulation, and Type 2 diabetes [52,54]. In paediatric *H. pylori* therapy, this is a major issue because of the harm that broad-spectrum medicines may do to the gut flora. Adults with *H. pylori*-positive peptic ulcer disease, mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue lymphoma, or who are at elevated risk of developing gastric cancer or who are in remission get eradication treatment. For the first time, researchers have shown that the prevention of stomach cancer is possible in healthy, uninfected persons who have been infected with *H. pylori*, at least in areas with high rates of gastric cancer [55]. It seems doubtful that large-scale *H. pylori* eradication initiatives will be implemented until new therapeutic alternatives, or a vaccine are produced, since this would likely worsen the emergence of medication resistance. It is very clear that the existing treatment choices are coming under increasing amounts of stress, and it is imperative that new antibiotics, other medicines, or a vaccination be developed Figures 11-13.

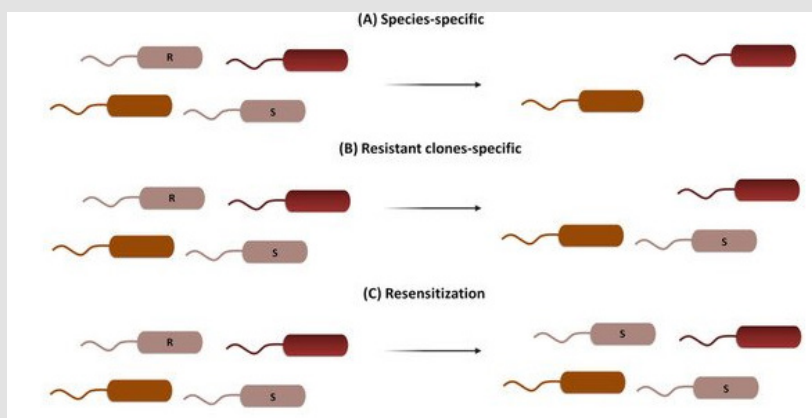


Figure 6: There are three distinct ways to fight antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The remaining members of the microbial community are unaffected by the use of species-specific targeting, which eliminates both vulnerable and resistant clones of the same species. Through the deliberate targeting of resistance genes, the resensitization process can convert resistant clones into vulnerable ones [200].

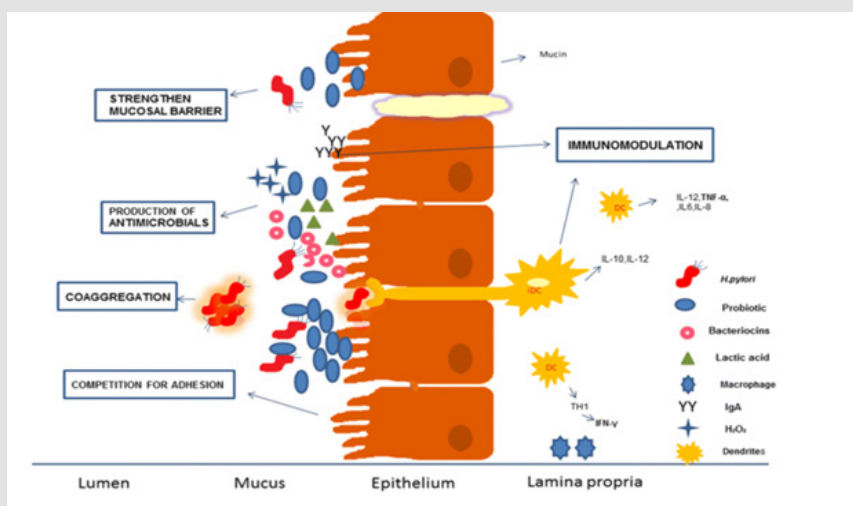


Figure 7: Demonstrates the antimicrobial potential of probiotics [212].

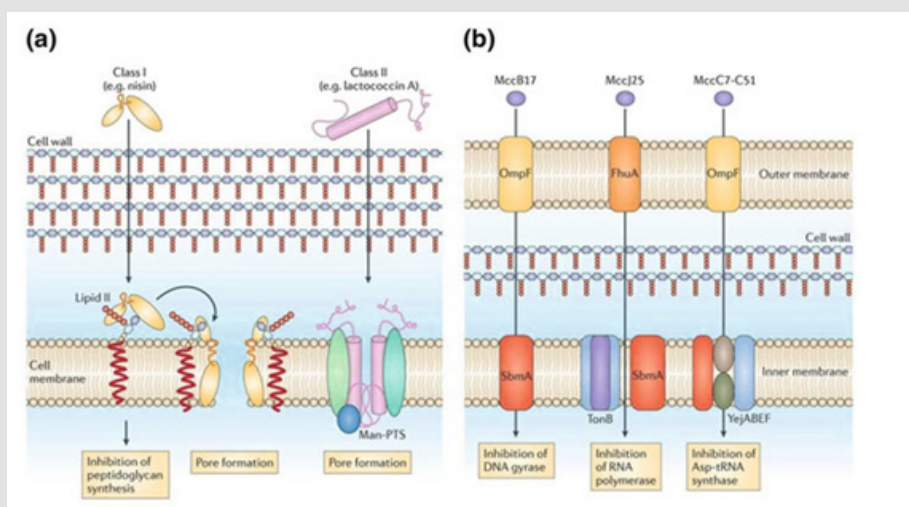


Figure 8: Bacteriocin antibacterial potential [210].

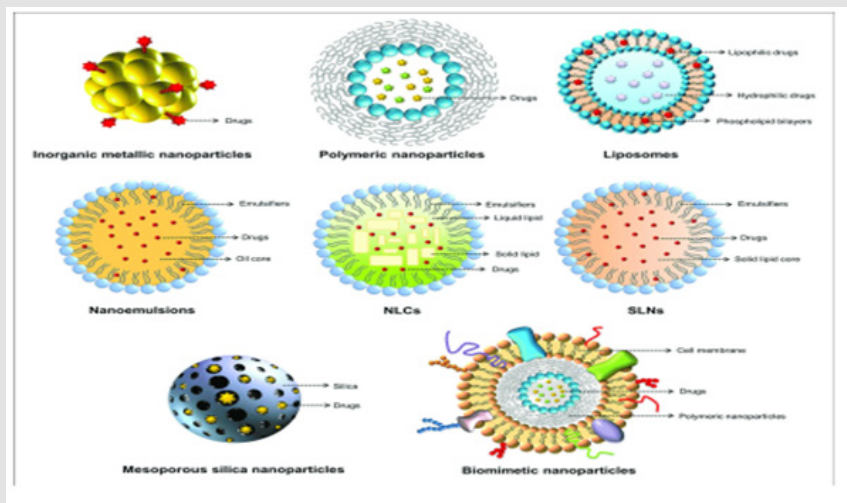


Figure 9: Shows nanoparticle classes applied for antimicrobial chemotherapy [200].

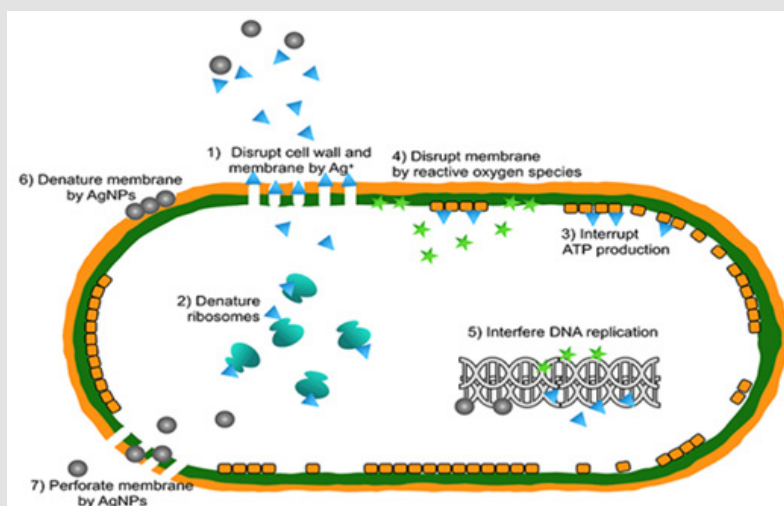


Figure 10: Shows antibacterial mechanism of silver nanoparticles [201].

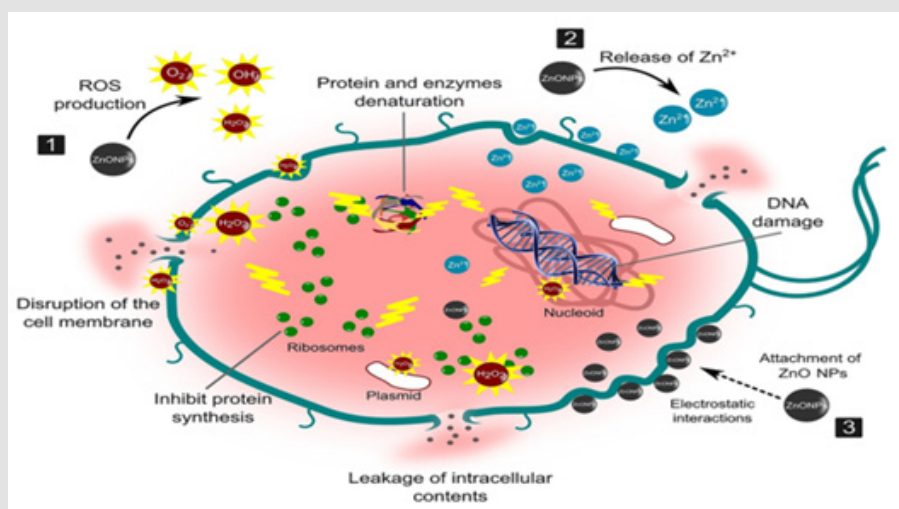


Figure 11: Shows antibacterial potential of ZnO nanoparticles [204].

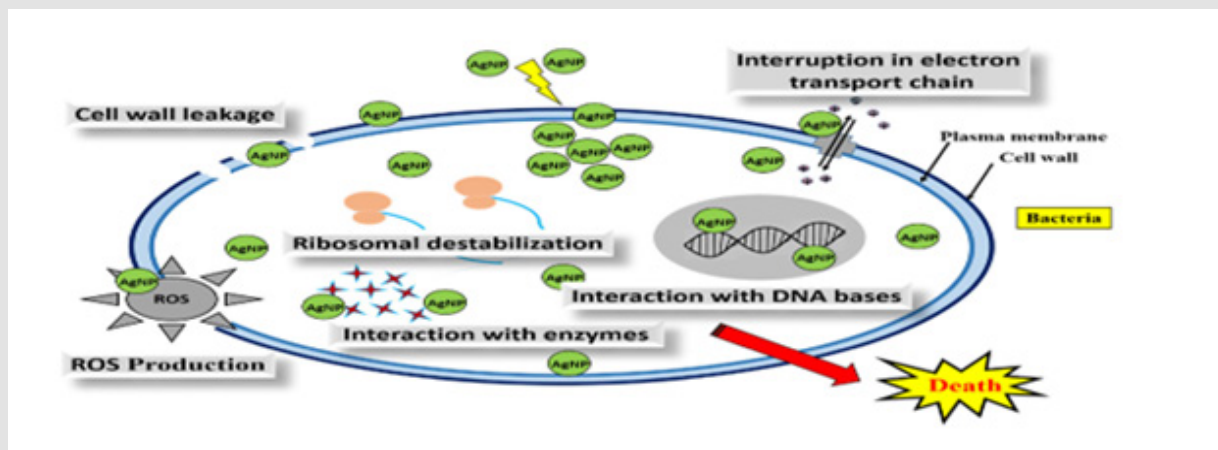


Figure 12: Shows Gold NPs antibacterial mechanism [205].

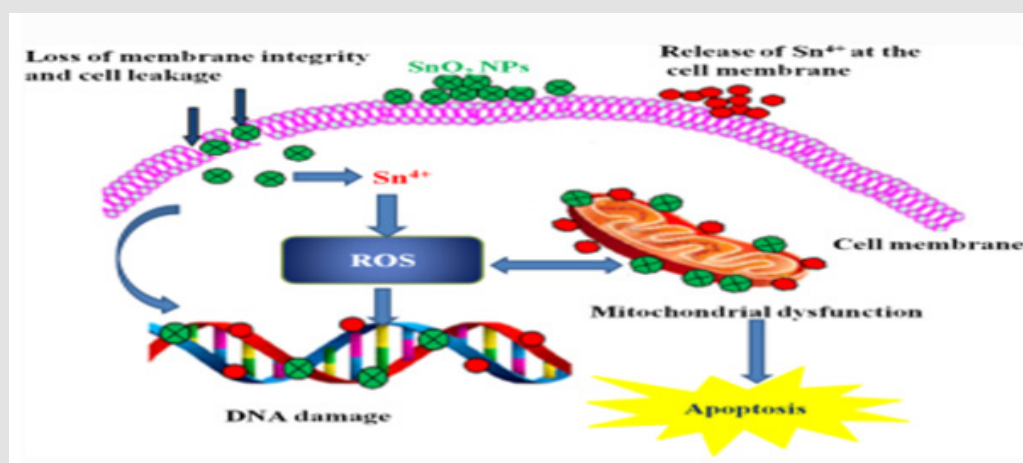


Figure 13: Shows antibacterial mechanism of SnO₂ NPs [206].

New Strategies in Antibiotic Delivery For Treating *H. Pylori* Infection

It has been more common in recent years to design drug delivery systems (DDS) that specifically target the stomach. Peptic ulcer disease therapy and enhanced bioavailability for medications that are rapidly absorbed when released in the GI system may be achieved by extending the time DDS remains in the stomach. The inability of most antibiotics to remain stable in an acidic environment may be circumvented by using a GRDDS that is gastro-protective against the encapsulated medication. This will allow for the problem to be solved. The floating and mucoadhesive tactics are the gastroretentive approaches that are claimed to be used the most often. The use of low-density polymers or gas-generating agents is required for floating DDS to function properly. Because these formulations are less dense than the contents of the stomach, they are able to float in the stomach for a longer period of time without having an effect on the pace at which the stomach empties, and they slowly release the drug. Treatment with conventional formulations

may on occasion result in the elimination of *H. pylori*; however, treatment with these formulations commonly fails to eliminate the bacteria from the gastric fundus and the body of the stomach, which results in re-colonization. Antibiotics should be more successful as a therapy if they are in touch with a wider surface area of the stomach, which may be accomplished by directing antibiotics to the fundus of the stomach using floating gastroretentive formulations. Mucoadhesive DDS are manufactured using polymers that are capable of sticking to the mucus lining of the gastrointestinal system via the establishment of noncovalent bonds [53-58]. This adhesion to the stomach lining improves the gastric residence of the formulation, which in turn improves the local delivery of the medicine as well as the bioavailability of the drug that has been administered. Because each of the gastroretentive techniques has its own set of drawbacks (for example, floating systems need a significant amount of fluid to be present in the stomach, and mucoadhesive systems are vulnerable to gastric mucus turnover rates), researchers typically investigate the use of multiple

gastroretentive techniques in tandem with one another in order to achieve gastroretention. In the event that one of the methods does not work, it is possible that the other will. This will guarantee that the formulation is kept in the stomach. There have been several studies written and published that concentrate on the mechanism of drug delivery systems that are targeted to the stomach [58-70].

Simultaneous Delivery of Antibiotics Using Liposomes

In the wake of recent advancements in nanotechnology, the idea of using liposomes in gastrointestinal tract-targeted medication delivery systems has come into clearer focus (DDS). Liposomes having the potential of entrapping both hydrophilic and hydrophobic medicines, with the hydrophilic drugs remaining entrapped in the bilayer region while the hydrophobic drugs are entrapped in the aqueous environment [70-73]. Liposomes are useful in the treatment of infections due to the fact that they are equivalent to cell membranes [73-77]. Research has been conducted on the prospect of utilising liposomes to cure infections caused by *H. pylori*, and it has been shown that this might be accomplished. Liposomes that were loaded with antimicrobial medications such as ampicillin and MET were oriented towards *H. pylori*, and the interactions between the liposomes and *H. pylori* were investigated [78]. *H. pylori* is a bacterium that causes stomach ulcers. It is likely that the integration of certain ligands at the surface of the liposome would enable for precise targeting of *H. pylori*, which would enhance the GRT of the drug. VacA is a protein that is released by many different *H. pylori* strains, and it is the protein that is responsible for destabilising the phospholipid membrane that is present in epithelial cells [79-81]. Therefore, it is hypothesised that the release of the encapsulated medicine might be aided by the vacuolating impact of the protein if the liposomes are in close vicinity to the bacteria. This is based on the fact that the closeness of the two entities is necessary. Compared to liposomes generated using DPPC, Epikuron 170® (Cargill, Minnesota, United States) derived liposomes exhibited a greater degree of repulsion toward positively charged molecules (1,2-dipalmitoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine).

The EE of MET was much lower for Epikuron 170 (1.4 percent) compared to the DPPC ones (11.2 percent); however, the encapsulation of ampicillin was not significantly impacted by the alteration in phospholipid composition (10 percent [DPPC] versus 13.9 percent [Epikuron]). It has been found that *H. pylori* has a very strong affinity for cholesterol [82,83], which helps to explain why liposomes have such a strong attraction for the bacterium. This was confirmed as the different liposome formulations demonstrated varying degrees of affinity for the *H. pylori* suggesting that liposomes are 'stuck' around the bacteria. This affinity was determined using fluorescence intensity due to both the bacteria and liposome.

The interactions of the liposomes with other bacteria such as Staphylococcus or Escherichia coli strains showed no evidence of interactions, suggesting the presence of cholesterol in liposomes was likely the main reason for the *H. pylori*-liposome interactions. This liposome-bacteria interaction resulted in the killing of the bacteria and the ampicillin-loaded liposomes demonstrated antibacterial effects [78]. The incorporation of fucosylated glycolipids in the vesicle membrane led to an interaction between the liposome and the spiral and coccoid forms of the bacteria. The formulated liposomes demonstrated promising results against *H. pylori* infection [78]. A further study was carried out on liposomes in which cholesteryl tetraethylene glycol oside were incorporated as model ligands for *H. pylori* adhesins to study the effect of gastric conditions on stability of the liposomes [84]. These liposomes were stable with the pH of the internal aqueous environment being close to pH 4 even when the external environment was exposed to gastric pH condition between pH 1.2 and 2. This presents a means of enhancing the stability of the antibiotics to be delivered which are known to be generally unstable in the acidic environment of the stomach [85]. A GRDDS incorporating with AMX and MET was designed for the eradication of *H. pylori*. This system was prepared by alternating coatings of polyanion (poly[acrylic acid]; PAA) and polycation (poly[allylamine hydrochloride]; PAH) using liposomes as the core. It was observed that the multilayered system exhibited prolonged drug release in simulated gastric fluid compared with conventional liposomes suitable for drug delivery for eradication of *H. pylori* infection. These composite nanocapsules containing the combination therapy of AMX and MET had an enhanced potential in *H. pylori* eradication when compared with conventional DDS in a mouse model [84].

Phytochemicals Role in Combating *H. Pylori* Infections

Exploration in the realm of medicinal plants has been pushed by the search for novel anti-*H. Pylori* medicines. Numerous investigations on a very large number of different plant kinds have been carried out. Natural products each have their own unique anti-*H. Pylori* effects that they accomplish via a variety of ways. Prophylactic substances, on the other hand, create their impact via antioxidant and anti-inflammatory processes, as opposed to the ant secretory or healing actions that are associated with therapeutic medicines [85-89].

Mechanisms of Medicinal Plants as Anti-*H. Pylori*: Many natural compounds have anti-*H. Pylori* potentials. These potentials may be realised via a variety of methods, including urease inhibition, DNA damage, reduction of protein synthesis, and anti-inflammatory actions. In addition to the anti-*H. Pylori* actions that certain enzymes, such as dihydrofolate reductase and myeloperoxidase N-acetyltransferase, are responsible for [90-92].

Bioactive Compounds in Plants and their Anti-Hyplori

Applications: Effective urease inhibitors include a number of natural and synthetic compounds, including sulforaphane, an isothiocyanate that is derived from crucifers⁴, allyl isothiocyanates⁵, flavonoids and their corresponding reductive derivatives⁶, quercetin and its analogues⁷, and some synthetic thiosemicarbazones [93]. It was discovered that caffeic acid phenethyl ester, one of the primary components of propolis, acts as a competitive inhibitor of *H. pylori* peptide deformylase (HpPDF). HpPDF is an enzyme that catalyses the removal of the formyl group from the N-terminus of nascent polypeptide chains, which is essential for *H. pylori* survival [94]. Caffeic acid phenethyl The following is a list of other targets for the treatment of *H. pylori* infection:

- a) the type II dehydroquinase (DHQ2), which is the third enzyme of the shikimic acid pathway⁹.
- b) glutamate racemase, which provides d-glutamate for the construction of N-acetylglucosamine-N-acetylmuramic acid peptidoglycan subunits¹⁰.
- c) *H. pylori* -hydroxyacyl-ACP (FabZ), an important enzyme involved in the bacterial type [95].

Natural Flavonoids Against Helicobacter Pylori Infection:

Natural flavonoids have shown significant antibacterial activity against *H. pylori* (MIC 8 g/mL). Flavonoids inhibited the essential function of HsrA, an OmpR-like orphan response regulator that synchronises metabolic functions and virulence with the availability of nutrients and cell division. Chrysin, apigenin, kaempferol, and hesperetin bind to HsrA with micromolar dissociation constants and 1:1 stoichiometry. These flavonoids were also able to influence other identified molecular targets in *H. pylori*. Flavonoids are effective antimicrobials against *Helicobacter pylori* infections. Chrysin reduced CLR's MIC value by eight times (FIC = 0.125) and MTZ activity by sixteen times. Myricetin suppressed gene expression in the morphological transition from spiral to coccoid forms [96,97].

Alkaloids Against *H. Pylori* Infections: Rhizoma *Coptidis*, also known as Huanglian in Chinese, is one of the most often used traditional Chinese remedies for the treatment of *H. pylori*-related gastrointestinal illnesses. It is the rhizoma of *Coptis chinensis* Franch., which bears the name *Coptis chinensis* Franch. It would appear that the distinctive structure of alkaloids is very important to the actions that they are responsible for [98].

Isothiocyanates (Itcs) Against Helicobacter Pylori:

Isothiocyanates are a class of volatile organosulfur chemicals that also go by the name ITCs. They are formed as a byproduct as a result of an interaction that takes place between plant glucosinolates and the myrosinase enzyme. This interaction takes place in plants. These chemical substances are now under investigation for their potential

as antibacterial therapy options [89]. The urease that is linked with *Helicobacter* infections is inhibited by the Isothiocyanates, which also reduces the inflammatory response that occurs as a result of these infections. [99]. Extremely electrophilic and fast to interact with amines, thiols, and hydroxyls, the carbon atom that makes up the ITC group (N=C=S) may be found in the formula. In spite of the fact that the antibacterial processes of ITCs have not been fully understood, it has been hypothesised that the antimicrobial activity of ITCs may be associated with their interaction with proteins [90]. Cysteine is an amino acid that is necessary for the structure of proteins, the function of protein regulators, and the stability of proteins achieved by a number of different approaches. It is well known that ITCs aim for the cysteine residue in P-ATPase in bacteria in order to obstruct the ATP binding sites on that enzyme (*E. coli*) [91].

Sulforaphane: A wide number of plants, like the *Diplotaxis harra*, may be a source of the chemical sulforaphane, which can be found within the ITCs. Significant anticarcinogenic and antibacterial capabilities, most notably against *H. pylori*, have been shown by it. Since this chemical has also been found to be effective against *S. aureus* and *Listeria monocytogenes*, it may be a good candidate for functioning as a novel naturally occurring antibacterial agent. This was shown by the fact that both of these bacteria were killed by the chemical [92].

Role Of Curcumin in Treatment of *H. Pylori* Mediated GIT

Diseases: The rhizomes of turmeric, also called *curcuma longa*, are the source of the pigment curcumin, which is a well-known polyphenolic pigment with a bright yellow colour. Curcumin is generated from turmeric [100]. In particular, India makes extensive use of it both as a spice and as a food colouring additive [101]. These compounds have the potential to have a number of beneficial effects on human health, including anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and anti-microbial properties [102,103]. Both the *in vitro* studies and the preclinical trials gathered data regarding the impact that the treatment had on *H. pylori* as well as the diseases that were brought on by the bacteria. Curcumin is a keto-enol tautomer when seen from the perspective of its chemical structure. Despite this, the enol form of the molecule is more stable than the keto form, and this is the case for both the solid and the liquid forms of the substance. Curcumin has a colour of yellow when the pH is acidic, while it has a hue of red when the pH is basic. Two aromatic rings and two carbonyl groups that are not saturated with carbonyl are present in the polyphenolic chemical substances. This molecule's stability may be attributed to its central hydroxyl group, which is denoted by -OH [104,105].

Bacteriophages and Its Antibacterial Activity

Bacteriophages were discovered by Frederick Twort in 1915 and Felix d Herelle in 1917 independently [106]. Bacteriophage

therapy is using of Bacteria specific viruses or phages to eradicate unwanted and unrestrained infectious diseases [106]. Bacteria that have been attacked by obligatory lytic phages are unable to sustain its viability, on the other hand certain antibiotics just stops bacterial growth e.g Macrolides which permits bacteria to evolve itself [107-109]. When phages infect bacterial cells and during its killing process they replicate and increase in number by autodosing itself [110], at molecular level phages consist mostly of nucleic acids and proteins which are inherently nontoxic towards humans [111-113], phages being macromolecules can interact and activate human immune systems and resulting very harmful immune responses, about this very little evidence exist which is not really considered during phage therapy as hurdle [114-116], to overcome activation of human immune system it is advisable to use highly specific bacteriophages infecting only bacteria of infection [14]. Phages being highly specific against specific bacterial strains can have very little impact on Normal flora which is present in our GIT [117,118].

Phages as an Alternative Therapy For *H. Pylori*

The *Helicobacter pylori* being very plastic in its genetic makeup and the irrational use of antibiotics facilitate spread of resistance against antibiotics [119]. Antibiotic resistance is on peak phages still provide a valid therapeutic alternative and can substitute antibiotic therapy phages possess very unique qualities such as Host specificity and narrow spectrum of its activity disturbs the microbiota negligibly and have very good safety parameters [120,121]. Phages are tolerated very safely by the human body as they replicate inside specific bacterium and has no interaction with human body cells or its molecular mechanisms [122], Bacteria also develops resistance towards phages like antibiotics but engineering new phages are much more easier than inventing new antibiotics [123], the increased acidity of stomach and different gastric enzymes has the ability to change the structural components of phages thus reducing its production rate and its infecting power of the bacterium of interest [124,125]. The increased antibiotic resistance has told us the failure of traditional treatment *proton pump inhibitors along with clarithromycin and amoxicillin or metronidazole* against *H. pylori* [126,127].

Phages Exploited Against *Helicobacter Pylori*

The phages which are specifically isolated against *H.pylori* are named as *phi HPE1 and *phi HPE2 and their host ranges were investigated against four different strains of *H.pylori* in which all were susceptible to either *phi HPE1 or *phi HPE2 [26], another *H.pylori* specific phage was isolated which was named KHP30 [27], despite its very fruitful characteristics still there is no available collection of phages specifically against *H.pylori* and very little research work and scientific literature is available about *H.pylori* phages the given phages which are isolated uptill now are fully

characterised and the next target is to study in detail and examine the virulence factors responsible in eradicating *H.pylori* [128].

Phages and Antibiotic Synergism

Infections which are caused by antibiotic resistant bacteria lead to reconsideration of phages an alternative therapy beyond antibiotics to combat such infections, still using phages alone is not that much effective as it is used in combination with antibiotics as a combined regimen because a huge number of studies support this concept because the combined regimen reduces the chances of resistance to either of them *antibiotics, phages. interference between antibiotic and phages may be positive, negative or even neutral, while designing the dual therapy of antibacterial choosing the phage ,and antibiotics type, their mixing ratios must also be carefully evaluated [129], it has been shown that using antibiotics below the inhibitory concentrations can enhance the antibacterial effect of phages and also enhances the proliferation power of phages as a result the phage mediated killing of bacteria is increased which is actually called phage antibiotic synergy or PAS [130], using phages and antibiotics combined the benefit of such combined strategy might be stronger bacterial killing and less chances of resistance towards phages or antibiotics used [131]. The use of biotechnology to discover remedies for illnesses caused by multidrug-resistant bacteria, such as those caused by antibiotic resistance, is referred to as phage therapy. As an alternative to the use of antibiotics in the treatment of certain disorders, phage therapy has recently been a topic of study in Western medicine [132]. The current surge in interest was sparked in large part by Polish research that was published for the first time in 1985 and included the use of phages in the treatment of 114 instances of suppurative bacterial infections in children, which were then subjected to scientific investigation.

Positive therapeutic results were obtained in 109 (95.6 percent) of the cases; patients had a wide range of bacterial infections caused by the pathogenic *Staphylococci*, *Klebsiella*, *Escherichia*, *Proteus*, and *Pseudomonas* bacteria. Positive therapeutic results were obtained in 109 (95.6 percent) of the cases [133]. Phage formulations were administered to patients who were suffering from a broad array of ailments that were antibiotic resistant. Patients as little as one week old and as elderly as 86 years old have been cared after at this facility. These examinations revealed that more than ninety-two percent of patients had been successfully treated [134]. In a different trial that the same group carried out, phage was used as a therapy for suppurative chronic skin infections. After receiving therapy with phage, the researchers discovered that 77 percent of the patients demonstrated symptoms of improvement in their condition. On the other hand, there were instances in which the phage therapy was unsuccessful for 1.7 percent of patients [135]. After some time, the same group of researchers revealed the findings of a more extensive study that included a greater number

of patients [136]. 94 people with antibiotic-resistant septicemia received phage treatment. Wound infections, gastroenteritis, sepsis, osteomyelitis, dermatitis, empyemas, and pneumonia were among them. 14.9% of phage patients were unsuccessful [137]. Complete recovery was attained in 85.1 percent of the cases, which is an excellent rate. The Polish researchers reported a success rate of between 80 and 95 percent [138,139]. Patients suffering from infections that are unresponsive to antibiotic therapy have roughly a forty percent chance of benefiting from treatment with phage. The vast majority of patients at the facility were not subject to any kind of active observation by the medical staff. 2005 saw the establishment of the institution's very own phage therapy centre, which is now in charge of providing direct patient care [140]. The results of the study have been validated by a research project carried out in Britain more recently, but which was otherwise quite similar to the study. Additionally, the remarkable efficacy of phages against *Escherichia coli*, *Acinetobacter* spp., *Pseudomonas* spp., and *Staphylococcus aureus* was shown and validated by this research [141-143].

CRISPR-Cas: A New Concept of Antimicrobials

Pharmaceutical corporations have little interest in participating in the antimicrobial medication market. The attention of pharmaceutical corporations is often directed toward more profitable areas like chronic disorders. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a significant issue for researchers since there is a risk that antimicrobial treatments would become less effective as a consequence of its development [144-149]. Because of the conditions in this environment, new methods of battling pathogenic microorganisms have emerged, each of which employs a distinct mechanism of action. Antimicrobial peptides, bacteriophages, metal nanoparticles, and tools for altering genes are all included in these efforts [150]. Among them are zinc fingers, which are able to target and cleave certain areas within the genome of bacteria in a manner that is species-specific [151,152], transcription activation-like effector nucleases (TALENs) [153], peptide nucleic acids [19], RNA interference (RNAi) [154], and CRISPR-Cas systems [144,155]. The first three rely on protein-DNA interactions to confer specificity, which means that protein engineering is necessary for the creation of the fourth method. Because of this, reshaping the effector proteins in order to adapt them to new targets is a tough task that is both costly and time-consuming. However, the specificity of CRISPR-Cas is accomplished by interactions between RNA and DNA. Since RNA engineering is far less expensive, it is an ideal option for a new concept of antibiotics based on gene editing [156], due to the fact that it is such a good candidate. CRISPR-Cas can be utilised in the following ways:

(i) It can be directed to cleave species-specific genes to treat acute infections, resulting in the deployment of the bacteria of interest while maintaining the host's microbiome unaltered [157].

(ii) It can be directed to cleave drug-resistance genes, eliminating bacteria harbouring them while maintaining the viability of the wild-type susceptible clones and thus decolonizing patients [158].

Probiotic Therapy in *Helicobacter Pylori* Infection

Infections caused by *H. pylori* have been the subject of substantial research into the use of probiotics as a complementary therapy to antibiotics [159]. Probiotics have been shown in a number of studies to have significant therapeutic promise for the treatment of a variety of gastrointestinal disorders [160]. According to one definition, probiotics are "living micro-organisms that offer a favorable influence on the health of the host when provided in enough quantity" [161]. There are a wide variety of microbial species that have the potential to operate as probiotics. Some of them include *Lactobacillus*, *Bifidobacterium*, *Saccharomyces*, and *Streptococcus*, among others; however, *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium* are the ones that get the most research. Stabilizing the intestinal microflora by inhibiting pathogens is one of the primary functions of probiotics. This function is primarily attributed to probiotics' ability to outcompete pathogens for food and binding sites [162,163], as well as their production of antimicrobial substances and immunomodulatory effects [164]. In addition to possessing qualities that inhibit the growth of pathogens, probiotics must also be able to withstand conditions of high pH and bile salts and colonise the surfaces of the gastrointestinal tract in order to be considered among the most promising and possible probiotic candidates. Because of these qualities, researchers have been interested in studying new strains in order to obtain a better understanding of the qualities that distinguish them from others [165]. Numerous studies demonstrate probiotics may reduce antibiotic adverse effects, improve *H. pylori* eradication, and reduce cell harm [166]. Not every probiotic strain improves *H. pylori* eradication therapy, although some do. In a trial of *H. pylori* infection in children following conventional treatment, 30% were re-infected after 2 years probiotics as an eradication adjuvant or vaccine delivery mechanism would be highly effective. In prior research, probiotics' potential against *H. pylori* in *in vitro*, *in vivo*, and clinical trials was documented, but not as an effective vaccine delivery vehicle [167].

Bacteriocins Role in *H. Pylori* Treatments

Bacteriocins are proteinaceous molecules that are synthesised by ribosomes. At certain doses, they exhibit potent antibacterial action. Bacteriocins have many functions. They do not have a colour, odour, or taste, which is another factor that contributes to the versatility of their possible applications. As a result of the proteinous structure of these antimicrobial peptides, they are also susceptible to being broken down by proteolytic enzymes [168-172]. Because they are effective against certain specific kinds of

bacterial illnesses, bacteriocins are often referred to as “designed drugs.” *Escherichia coli* is one of the Gram-negative bacteria and lactic acid bacteria that may be found, however there aren't very many cases of either of them [173].

Treatment Of Peptic Ulcer Caused by *H. Pylori* Through Bacteriocin

It has been proposed that bacteriocins produced by *Pediococcus acidilactici* BA28 might be used in the development of topical therapies for personal care products. Ulcers of the stomach and duodenum are often accompanied by high levels of the anaerobic strain of *Helicobacter pylori* [174].

Muco-Penetrating Systems for *H. Pylori* Eradication

When the mucosal gel is thick and viscoelastic, it does not let antimicrobial medications to enter through it in a consistent manner. However, mucoadhesion causes an increase in the amount of time those particles spend in the stomach. The swelling of the polymer may make it more difficult to dock it in stomach mucus, reducing its mobility and, as a result, its capacity to penetrate mucus [175]. In addition, stomach motility and proteolytic activities increase mucus turnover, shortening gastric residence time. Thus, adhesion to mucus might prevent the system from penetrating the mucus layer and infiltrating the underlying epithelia [176]. *H. pylori* infection can only be treated if the medicine is delivered directly to the infected area using a particle system that penetrates the mucus barrier. Several studies have discovered the existence of particle systems that may pass through the mucosa. PEG-coated polystyrene-based non-adhesive nanoparticles may penetrate the sputum of individuals with cystic fibrosis, according to the researchers [177], Biodegradable PEG-PSA (poly sebacic acid)-based biodegradable nanoparticles quickly penetrate the human mucus barrier, [178]. insulin-loaded polyethylene glycol grafted chitosan (PEG-g-chitosan) nanoparticle for nasal absorption [179]. PLGA nanoparticles coated with DNA for gene delivery in gastric mucus (poly lactide co-glycolic acid) [180]. By sheltering the cationic charge, mucin fibres may play a key role in particle penetration, since they reduce the ability of particles to adhere to mucous membranes. Particles smaller than the mucin fibre mesh have been shown to have high mucin penetration [181]. Biopolymer nanomaterials were also reported for the purpose of stomach-specific administration of medicines in the context of *H. pylori* elimination [182]. Chitosan was employed because of its bioadhesive and antibacterial qualities, and heparin was employed because of its anticoagulation characteristic, in order to hasten the healing of ulcers and the regeneration of mucosal tissue. For the purpose of stomach mucosal adhesion, the penetration of nanoparticles deep into the mucus layer, and the efficient administration of medication near epithelial cells, the particulate

system has to have a smaller size of less than 200 nanometers and a low zeta potential value [183,184]. According to the results of a research, nanoparticles may maintain their stability in acidic environments and are able to shield the antibiotic ingredient. It's possible that the protonation of amino groups [NH₃⁺] in chitosan caused a greater particle size for nanoparticles at pH 1.2–2.5 than it did at pH 4.5–6.5. This was seen when comparing particle sizes at both pH ranges [185]. Investigators have demonstrated that gastric mucus may function as a transport medium for nanomaterials when chitosan is employed. This might culminate in the distribution of antimicrobial therapies, which would be helpful in the elimination of *Helicobacter pylori* as well as other infections, such as MRSA and MRK [186].

Nanotechnology-Based Treatment Approaches

The advent of nanotechnology has ushered in a new era of global progress by opening up previously inaccessible avenues of exploration within the realm of biomedical research. It is possible to provide NPs to every biological system through the respiratory, gastrointestinal, parenteral, and intraocular routes, respectively. They engage with the cell wall or membrane and then move the medicine through the cellular structure [187-191].

Antimicrobial Efficacy of Metallic Nanomaterials: When bacteria come into contact with nanoparticles of a variety of metal oxides, this results in the creation of reactive oxygen species (ROS). Proteins and DNA, both of which are found on the bacterial cells inside, are susceptible to being harmed by ROS. The appearance of defensive responses may be stimulated when exposed to ROS concentrations below the threshold for lethality [192-195]. Overexpression of extracellular molecules by bacterial cells, such as flagellin, is also included among the bacterial adaptation processes in relation to nanoparticles. These mechanisms allow bacteria to survive in the presence of nanoparticles. Numerous studies have pointed out that nanoparticles have a great antibacterial potential, despite the fact that bacteria already possess mechanisms that allow them to adapt to the effects of being exposed to nanoparticles [195].

AgNPs Antimicrobial Activity: It has been shown that metallic nanoparticles may function well as an antibacterial agent. Against a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, silver nanoparticles, often known as AgNPs, have shown strong antibacterial activity. The effectiveness of silver ultra-nanoclusters (UNCs) against *H. pylori* strains has been shown to increase with decreasing concentrations. Silver nanoparticles create silver ions (Ag⁺), which adhere to or pass through the cell membrane and wall. Additionally, they have the ability to obstruct DNA replication (DNA) [196-213].

Zno Nanoparticles Antimicrobial Activity: Zinc, which is found as nanoparticles of zinc oxide, has been shown to have a variety of possible applications in the biological realm. They exercise their effects by causing membrane damage in the cells that they penetrate, attaching themselves to proteins and DNA, creating reactive oxygen species (ROS), and interrupting the mechanism that bacteria use to reproduce their DNA.

Gold Nanoparticles: Gold nanoparticles are used in a variety of sectors, including medicine, dentistry, and pharmaceuticals (AuNPs). Photonic crystals, photoluminescent labelling, catalysis, and photodegradation avoidance are all possible applications for AuNPs.

Antimicrobial Activity SnO₂ NPs: Antibacterial activity may be exhibited by SnO₂ nanoparticles against *E. coli* and *S. aureus*. SnO₂ NPs have been shown to be effective against a wide variety of microbiological strains; however, the specific mechanism by which this occurs is not fully known. There have been a few different hypothesized mechanisms of action postulated for metal oxide nanoparticles.

Conclusion

There's no effective approach to prevent and cure *H. pylori* medication resistance, therefore we recommend complete precautions. Traditional Chinese medicine may cure drug-resistant germs with little adverse effects. The genomic investigations of *H. pylori* are generating a significant amount of attention, and there is little doubt that they will be followed up on in subsequent research aimed at the development of novel treatments. A treatment that consists of a modest dosage of a single medicine administered over a relatively short period of time and is free of any unwanted effects would be ideal as medical care.

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