

Review

Smoking, coffee intake, and Parkinson's disease: Potential protective mechanisms and components

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ABSTRACT

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a common progressive neurodegenerative disease characterized by the loss of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra pars compacta (SNpc). Environmental and lifestyle factors, such as smoking and coffee drinking, have been associated with a decreased risk for PD. However, the biological mechanisms underlying protective effects on PD are still not fully understood. It has been suggested that non-nicotine components in cigarette smoke and non-caffeine components in coffee may contribute to this protective effect. The aim of this review was to explore candidate molecules and mechanisms behind the effects of smoking and coffee drinking on PD by integrating findings from previous studies. By cross-referencing an index of tobacco constituents and a list of coffee constituents with existing literature on natural compounds and their structural analogs that show inhibitory activities against monoamine oxidase B, catechol O-methyltransferase, and α -synuclein fibrillation, we have identified tobacco and coffee components that inhibit these targets. Furthermore, tobacco and coffee components potentially play roles in suppressing neuroinflammation, activating the Nrf2 pathway as natural activators, and altering the gut microbiome. This review suggests that the phenolic compounds from tobacco and coffee investigated may contribute to the low incidence of PD in smokers and coffee drinkers, showing moderate to strong potential as therapeutic interventions. The current review suggests that multifunctional molecules found in coffee and cigarette smoke may have potential neuroprotective effects, but none of the data indicates that multifunctionality is required for these effects. This review will deepen our understanding of how smoking and coffee drinking are linked to a reduced risk of PD and will also be important in elucidating the mechanisms underlying the protective effects of smoking and coffee drinking on PD.

1. Introduction

The worldwide prevalence of Parkinson's disease (PD) has increased twofold in the past 25 years, with over 8.5 million people estimated to have PD in 2019 (World Health Organization, 2024). The etiology of PD remains unknown, but a combination of age-associated, genetic, and environmental factors appears to contribute to its development and progression (Tansey et al., 2022). The most significant risk factor for PD is age, with a median onset age of 60 years (Jankovic and Tan, 2020). Currently, four autosomal dominant genes (*LRKK2*, *CHCHD2*, *VPS35*, and *SNCA*) and three autosomal recessive genes (*PARKIN*, *DJ1*, and *PINK1*) are identified as monogenic causes of PD (Ben-Shlomo et al., 2024). However, no genetic cause has been identified in 90 % of PD cases (Ascherio and Schwarzschild, 2016). On the other hand, research conducted through epidemiological studies indicates that the development and progression of PD is significantly influenced by behavioural

and environmental factors (Ascherio and Schwarzschild, 2016). In particular, smoking and coffee drinking are well known to have a negative association with PD (Hernán et al., 2002). This association may arise from non-nicotine components in cigarette smoke (Jankovic and Tan, 2020; Rose et al., 2024) and non-caffeine components in coffee (Colombo and Papetti, 2020; Socała et al., 2020). For example, Trinh et al. (2010) found that decaffeinated coffee and nicotine-free tobacco extracts, but not caffeine or nicotine alone, provide neuroprotection via a nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2 (Nrf2)-dependent mechanism in fly PD models. This finding implies that Nrf2-activating components in coffee and tobacco may contribute to the decreased risk of PD in smokers and coffee drinkers. The potential mechanisms for the effects of smoking encompass inhibition of monoamine oxidase B (MAO B) and α -synuclein (α -syn) fibrillation, disruption of the gut microbiome, and antioxidant responses via low levels (5 %–9 %) of carbon monoxide (Derkinderen et al., 2014; Hong et al., 2009; Quik, 2004; Rose et al.,

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2024; Scheperjans et al., 2015; Tsuang et al., 2010). The effects of coffee drinking include inactivation of A_{2A} adenosine receptor, inhibition of α -syn fibrillation, changes in the gut microbiome, inhibition of protein phosphatase 2 A (PP2A), and suppression of neuroinflammation (Chen et al., 2001; Derkinderen et al., 2014; Fazili and Naeem, 2015; Murata et al., 2023; Yan et al., 2018). Since the role of MAO B in dopamine (DA) degradation has been controversial (Nam et al., 2022) and some coffee components are reported to have an inhibitory effect on COMT (Akhtar et al., 2020), we propose that inhibition of catechol O-methyltransferase (COMT) is an alternative mechanism for smoking and coffee components to reduce risk of development of PD in smokers and coffee drinkers.

Understanding the candidate molecules and mechanisms underlying the protective effects of smoking and coffee drinking on PD is not only important for gaining insights into these effects, but also crucial for treatment and delaying progression of PD. The objective of this review is to discuss candidate molecules and mechanisms for the effects of smoking and coffee drinking on PD. The protective effects of tobacco and coffee bioactive components in *in vitro* and *in vivo* models of PD are summarized and reviewed. An index of chemical constituents of tobacco and tobacco smoke (Rodgman and Perfetti, 2013), along with a list of chemical constituents of green and roasted coffee (Spiller, 2019), have been used to identify compounds targeting MAO B, COMT, and α -syn fibrillization, as well as the activation of the Nrf2 pathway, suppression of neuroinflammation, and modulation of gut microbiota. These indices

were crossmatched with existing literature that reports on natural compounds and their structural analogs known to affect these targets.

2. Therapeutic targets for Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease (PD) is one of most common progressive neurodegenerative diseases with the loss of dopaminergic (DAergic) neurons in the substantia nigra pars compacta (SNpc) (Dauer and Przedborski, 2003; Rai and Singh, 2020). The clinical features of PD include both motor (tremor, bradykinesia, rigidity, postural instability, and slow activities of daily living) and non-motor symptoms (cognitive impairment, sensory symptoms, sleep disorders, depression and other behavioural and psychiatric problems), which help distinguish it from other parkinsonian disorders (Jankovic, 2008). Current medications for PD primarily target the DAergic pathway and include levodopa (L-DOPA, which is converted to DA in the neuron), DA agonists, and DA degradation inhibitors such as monoamine oxidase B (MAO B) inhibitors and catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitors (Balestrino and Schapira, 2020). However, these treatments are symptomatic and unable to prevent the progression of PD (Li and Song, 2022). While current treatments cannot prevent the progression of PD, therapies aiming to prevent or delay its progression could benefit from a deeper understanding of PD's pathological features and the development of multi-functional molecules that can simultaneously target and control various disease factors (Savelieff et al., 2018). Examples of drugs for the

Table 1

Examples of drugs for the treatment of motor symptoms in Parkinson's disease.

| Class | Inhibitor | Symptomatic monotherapy | Symptomatic adjunct therapy in early or stable PD patients | Treatment of motor fluctuations (F) or dyskinesia (D); prevention or delay of motor fluctuations (f) or dyskinesia (d) |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Efficacy conclusions and implications for clinical practice | | | | |
| Dopamine precursor/ dopa decarboxylase inhibitor | Levodopa/carbidopa (standard formulation) | + | | + (F) |
| | Levodopa/carbidopa (extended release) | + | | + (F) |
| | Levodopa/carbidopa (intestinal Infusion) | | | + (F) |
| Ergot dopamine agonists ^a | Bromocriptine (Parlodel) | + /- | + /- | + /- (F); I (f); + /- (d) |
| | Cabergoline | + | | + /- (F); + (f, d) |
| Non-ergot dopamine agonists | Pramipexole (ER) (Mirapex ER) | + | + | + (F) |
| | Apomorphine ^b (Apokyn) | | | + (F) |
| | Ropinirole (immediate release) | + | + | + (F); I (f); + (d) |
| Irreversible MAOBIs | Selegiline (Zelapar) | + | I | + (F); I (f); - (d) |
| | Rasagiline (Azilect) | + | + | + (F) |
| Reversible MAOBIs | Safinamide (Xadago) | | - | + (F) |
| | Zonisamide (Zonegran) | | + | + (F); I (D) |
| COMTIs | Entacapone (Comtan) | - | - | + (F); - (f, d) |
| | Opicapone (Ongentys) | - | | + (F) |
| | Tolcapone (Tasmar) | - | Efficacious and unlikely useful | + (F) |
| Adenosine A _{2A} antagonist | Istradefylline (Nourianz) | - | | + /- (F) |
| Other drugs | Antimuscarinics | Likely efficacious and clinically useful | Likely efficacious and clinically useful | |
| | Amantadine (Gocovri) | + /- | + /- | I (F); + (D) |
| | Clozapine (Clozaril) | | | + (D) |
| | | | | |

+ : efficacious and clinically useful; - : not useful; + /- : likely efficacious and possibly useful; I: insufficient evidence and investigational. The most recent Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) review by Fox et al. (2018) and another review by Foltynie et al. (2024) were used to update the treatment options for motor symptoms in Parkinson's disease. Drug names (presented in brackets) usually available in the U.S. (<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/>). COMTIs: catechol O-methyltransferase inhibitors; ER: extended release; MAOBIs: monoamine oxidase B inhibitors.

^a Due to side effects, such as cardiac fibrosis, ergot dopamine agonists are less commonly used for treating Parkinson's disease.

^b Apomorphine sublingual film offered an effective, on-demand therapy for managing off episodes in Parkinson's disease (Olanow et al., 2020).

treatment of motor symptoms in PD are shown in Table 1, which summarizes options for monotherapy, adjunct therapy, and treatments for motor fluctuations (Foltynie et al., 2024; Fox et al., 2018; Jankovic and Tan, 2020). For prevention or delay of disease progression in PD, the efficacy conclusions and implications for clinical practice of the following interventions are “insufficient evidence” and “investigational,” respectively:

DA agonists (eg, ropinirol), L-DOPA/peripheral decarboxylase inhibitor (eg, standard immediate release (IR) formulation), and MAO B inhibitors (eg, selegiline and rasagiline) (Fox et al., 2018). There are additional strategies targeting oxidative-stress, mitochondrial dysfunction, and excitotoxicity (Pires et al., 2017), as well as Wnt/ β -catenin signaling pathway (Ramakrishna et al., 2023), along with non-DAergic neurotransmitter systems, for the treatment of PD. These systems include glutamate, gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), noradrenaline (NA), acetylcholine, serotonin (5-HT), adenosine, and histamine (Kalia et al., 2013).

2.1. Monoamine oxidase B

Monoamine oxidase (MAO; EC 1.4.3.4) is a flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD) dependent enzyme that catalyze the oxidative deamination of monoamine substrates, including neurotransmitters such as serotonin, DA, norepinephrine, epinephrine, and 1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (MPTP), which can cause symptoms of PD (Youdim and Bakhle, 2006). There are two isoenzymes, MAO A and B, located in the outer membrane of mitochondria, with different substrate specificity and with different inhibitor sensitivity (Shih, 2018). MAO A is predominantly localized in catecholaminergic neurons, while MAO B is found mainly in serotonergic neurons, histaminergic neurons, and astrocytes, a subtype of glial cells (Jones and Raghanti, 2021).

Traditionally, MAO A and B have been considered to mediate DA degradation. DA is degraded by MAO A in presynaptic neurons, while MAO B catalyzes synaptic DA which is taken up by surrounding glial cells (Tan et al., 2022). One hypothesis is that MAO B-mediated DA metabolism in astrocytes not only leads to DA depletion but also produce the harmful metabolic byproducts, including DOPAL, H_2O_2 and MPP^+ , which cause DA neuronal cell death and/or senescence (Santin et al., 2021). Consequently, MAO B inhibitors have been proposed for use in the treatment of PD, both to inhibit DA degradation and to prevent the formation of neurotoxic DA metabolites (Santin et al., 2021). However, the question as to whether MAO B is involved in DA degradation in the living brain has been controversial (reviewed in Nam et al. 2022). Recent studies have shown that MAO A mainly mediates DA degradation in the brain, while MAO B mediates aberrant gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) synthesis and hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) production of reactive astrocytes, which are important in the pathogenesis of PD (Cho et al., 2021; Nam et al., 2022). This excessive GABA synthesis leads to aberrant tonic inhibition of DA neurons in the SNpc in animal models of PD (Heo et al., 2020). These findings suggest that the therapeutic efficacy of MAO B inhibitors in PD could be linked to blocking astrocytic GABA synthesis rather than blocking DA degradation (Cho et al., 2021). Moreover, since MAO B mediates GABA synthesis in reactive astrocytes in brain diseases, inhibiting GABA synthesis through MAO B inhibition could be a promising therapeutic target not only for various diseases such as PD, stroke, depression, obesity and Alzheimer’s disease (AD), but also for a potential treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder and ageing (Koh and Lee, 2024). A recent study found that in both neuronal cells and primary astrocytes, MAO B expression was significantly increased by the loss of *DJ1* (PARK7), one of the autosomal recessive genes linked to PD (Liu et al., 2023). Understanding the role of MAO B in PD will be important for elucidating PD pathogenesis as well as for enhancing the therapeutic potential of MAO B inhibitors.

3. Non-genetic risk factors for PD: smoking and coffee drinking

Previously, an umbrella review of 75 unique meta-analyses conducted on non-genetic risk factors for PD showed that two factors, constipation (RR 2.30, 95 % CI 2.02–2.63) and physical activity (HR 0.66, 95 % CI 0.57–0.78) were categorized as Class 1 (convincing evidence) (Bellou et al., 2016). Additionally, five risk factors, anxiety or depression (RR 1.86, 95 % CI 1.64–2.10), beta-blockers (RR 1.28, 95 % CI 1.19–1.39), head injury (OR 1.55, 95 % CI 1.33–1.81), serum uric acid (OR 0.39, 95 % CI 0.27–0.57), and smoking (RR 0.64, 95 % CI 0.60–0.69) were categorized as Class 2 (highly suggestive evidence). Factors categorized as Class 3 (suggestive evidence) include coffee drinking (RR 0.67, 95 % CI 0.58–0.76), ibuprofen (RR 0.73, 95 % CI 0.62–0.85), pesticides (OR 1.62, 95 % CI 1.40–1.88), dairy products intake (RR 1.40, 95 % CI 1.20–1.63), alcohol intake (RR 0.75, 95 % CI 0.66–0.85), calcium channel blockers (RR 0.78, 95 % CI 0.67–0.90), welding (RR 0.86, 95 % CI 0.80–0.92), rural living (OR 1.32, 95 % CI 1.18–1.48), and farming (OR 1.30, 95 % CI 1.16–1.46). All other risk factors were categorized as Class 4 (weak evidence) and NS (non-significant). Fig. 1A shows odds ratios/relative risks/hazard ratios and 95 % confidence intervals for PD and 16 risk factors.

3.1. Smoking

Smoking not only contributes to major causes of death such as lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), coronary heart disease, miscarriage, and fetal underdevelopment but also elevates the risk of stroke, blindness, deafness, back pain, osteoporosis, and peripheral vascular disease, which can result in amputation (West, 2017). Additionally, smoking has been linked with an increased risk for several conditions: AD (RR 1.37, 95 % CI 1.23–1.52, current/ever vs. never smokers, 31 studies) (Beydoun et al., 2014), vascular dementia (RR 1.35, 95 % CI 0.90–2.02, current smokers vs. never/nonsmokers) (Peters et al., 2008), depression (OR 1.43, 95 % CI 1.20–1.70, current smoking, prevalent symptoms; OR 1.50, 95 % CI 1.14–1.98, current smoking, incident symptoms) (Hahad et al., 2022), schizophrenia (OR 2.27, 95 % CI 1.67–3.08, lifetime smoking) (Wootton et al., 2020), bipolar disorder (OR 1.46, 95 % CI 1.28–1.66, smoking initiation; OR 1.72, 95 % CI 1.29–2.28, lifetime smoking) (Vermeulen et al., 2021), ADHD (OR 3.72, 95 % CI 3.10–4.44, smoking initiation) (Treur et al., 2021), cataract (OR 1.47, 95 % CI 1.36–1.59, current smoking) (Kai et al., 2024), and COVID-19 progression (OR 1.91, 95 % CI 1.42–2.59, current/former vs. never smokers, 19 studies) (Patanavanich and Glantz, 2020) (Fig. 1B). However, smoking was linked with a decreased risk for PD. Notably, there was a significant inverse dose–response association for the number of pack-years (one pack year is defined as one packet of 20 cigarettes smoked per day for one Class 1 (C1): convincing evidence; Class 2 (C2): highly suggestive evidence; Class 3 (C3): suggestive evidence; HR: hazard ratio; OR: odds ratio; RR: risk ratio; OR/RR/HR = 1: there is no variation in odds, risk, or hazard; OR/RR/HR > 1: an increase in odds, risk, or hazard; OR/RR/HR < 1: a decrease in odds, risk, or hazard. The bar graph was generated using GraphPad Prism software (version 8.4.3; GraphPad Software Inc., San Diego, CA) with data from Bellou et al. (2016) and others in Sections 3.1 and 3.2. year) smoked (RR 0.66, 95 % CI 0.49–0.88, smoking of \leq 30 pack-years, 3 studies; RR 0.39, 95 % CI 0.29–0.53, smoking of > 30 pack-years, 4 studies) (Li et al., 2015) and the duration of smoking (HR 0.84, 95 % CI 0.67–1.07, smoking for < 20 years; HR 0.73, 95 % CI 0.56–0.96, smoking for 20–29 years; HR 0.54, 95 % CI 0.43–0.66, smoking for > 30 years) (Gallo et al., 2019) (Fig. 1B). Li et al. (2015) conducted a meta-analysis of 61 case-control and 8 cohort studies, revealing an inverse relationship between cigarette smoking and PD. This suggests that effective drug development for PD could utilize chemical substances obtained from tobacco-derived sources. However, while many studies focus on nicotine, clinical trials on PD that have examined its effects have shown nonsignificant results, indicating the need for further research on non-nicotine compounds and

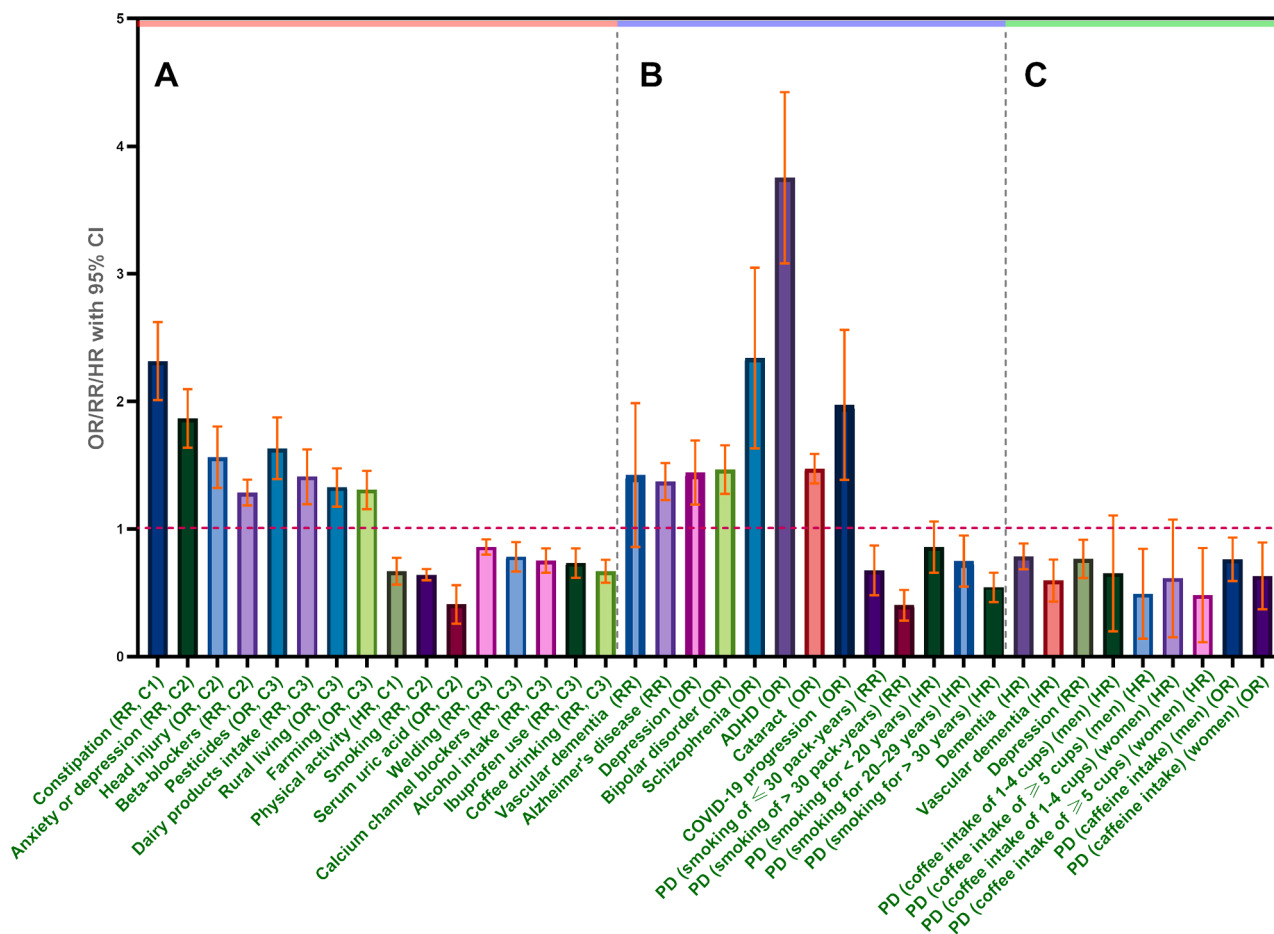


Fig. 1. Non-genetic risk factors for Parkinson's disease (A), and impacts of smoking (B) and coffee drinking (C) on Parkinson's disease and other conditions.

their biological mechanisms (Yoon et al., 2023).

3.2. Coffee drinking

Coffee drinking has been linked with a decreased risk for several conditions: dementia (HR 0.78, 95 % CI 0.69–0.89, ground coffee intake of 1–3 cups/day vs. none) (Zhang et al., 2022), vascular dementia (HR 0.58, 95 % CI 0.44–0.77, ground coffee intake of 1–3 cups/day vs. none) (Zhang et al., 2022), depression (RR 0.76, 95 % CI 0.62–0.92, coffee intake for the highest vs. lowest) (Wang et al., 2016), and PD in both men (HR 0.55, 95 % CI 0.26–1.15, coffee intake of 1–4 cups/day; HR 0.41, 95 % CI 0.19–0.88, coffee intake of ≥ 5 cups/day) and women (HR 0.50, 95 % CI 0.22–1.12, coffee intake of 1–4 cups/day; HR 0.39, 95 % CI 0.17–0.89, coffee intake of ≥ 5 cups/day) (Hu et al., 2007) (Fig. 1C). Additionally, there was an inverse association between caffeine intake and PD in both men (OR 0.75, 95 % CI 0.60–0.94) and women (OR 0.60, 95 % CI 0.39–0.91) (Liu et al., 2012) (Fig. 1C). Extensive research on the health effects of coffee consumption suggests that its benefits on human health stem from a complex mixture of bioactive compounds, including alkaloids (caffeine and trigonelline), phenolic acids (chlorogenic acids), diterpenes (cafestol and kahweol), and melanoidins, which might act as physiologically effective agents (Socala et al., 2020). While many studies focus on caffeine and its analogs/derivatives for their potential roles, particularly in AD and PD, coffee is also abundant in polyphenols, especially chlorogenic acids, caffeic acid, and ferulic acid, along with quinic acid, and quercetin. The roles of these non-caffeine compounds in various pathologies still need further clarification (Colombo and Papetti, 2020).

4. Molecular mechanisms in PD: Smoking and coffee consumption

As shown in Fig. 1, 16 of 75 risk factors showed Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 evidence of association with PD (Fig. 1). Among these risk factors, 8 factors (pesticides, dairy products intake, constipation, depression, traumatic brain injury, rural living, farming, beta-blockers) exhibited a positive association with PD, while other 8 factors (smoking, coffee intake, serum uric acid, physical activity, moderate alcohol intake, NSAIDs, calcium channel blockers, welding) showed a negative association with PD. Many candidate molecules and molecular mechanisms underlying these environmental and lifestyle factors for PD have been suggested (Table 2). Among candidate molecules, clinical trials of nicotine, caffeine, and urate have been tested, but there was no evidence for benefit of treatment in PD yet (Table 2).

For this review, we used not only an alphabetical index of tobacco components and a list of coffee components to search for candidate molecules targeting MAO B, COMT, and α -syn fibrillization, but also to investigate the activation of the Nrf2 pathway, suppression of neuro-inflammation, and modulation of gut microbiota. We identified bioactive components by comparing these indices with existing literature (Di Giovanni et al., 2010; Engelbrecht et al., 2019; Feng et al., 2022; Gugler and Dengler, 1973; Guldborg, 1975; Hong et al., 2022; Kumar et al., 2014; Ono and Yamada, 2006; Senger et al., 2016; Tao et al., 2005; Zhao et al., 2021).

4.1. MAO B inhibition by tobacco or coffee compounds

MAO B increases with age in the human brain (Fowler et al., 1997)

Table 2
Candidate molecules and molecular mechanisms for environmental risk factors in Parkinson's Disease.

| Factors (non-genetic) | Molecules/products | Mechanisms of action or hypotheses | References |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Positive association | | | |
| Pesticides | Paraquat | Mitochondrial dysfunction, ROS production, ↑ α -syn aggregation, ↑ lipid peroxidation, ↓ GSH, ↓ nigral DAergic neurons | (Goldman, 2014) |
| | Rotenone | Mitochondrial dysfunction, ROS production, ↑ α -syn aggregation, ↓ ATP production, impairment of proteasome function, microglial activation, ↓ nigral DAergic neurons | (Goldman, 2014) |
| Dairy products intake | Dairy proteins | Antiuricemic effect of dairy proteins (↓ serum urate levels) | (Hughes et al., 2017) |
| Constipation | α -Synuclein | α -syn aggregates in the ENS, early microbiome dysbiosis, changes in intestinal homeostasis | (Anis et al., 2022) |
| Depression | | A risk factor for PD/ depression is a prodromal condition of PD | (Aarsland et al., 2012) |
| Traumatic brain injury | | Inflammation, metabolic dysregulation, and protein accumulation | (Delic et al., 2020) |
| Rural living, farming, | | Factors linked to pesticide exposure show inconsistent or little correlation with PD | (Freire and Koifman, 2012) |
| Beta-blockers | Propranolol | ↑ <i>SNCA</i> mRNA, ↑ α -syn protein concentrations | (Hopfner et al., 2020; Mittal et al., 2017) |
| Negative association | | | |
| Smoking | Tobacco | ↓ α -Syn fibrillation, ↓ MAO B, changes in the gut microbiome, antioxidant responses via low levels of CO | (Derkinderen et al., 2014; Hong et al., 2009; Quik, 2004; Rose et al., 2024; Scheperjans et al., 2015; Tsuang et al., 2010) |
| | Nicotine | One-year transdermal treatment in early PD failed in clinical trial (NCT01560754) | (Oertel et al., 2023) |
| Coffee intake | Coffee | Neuroprotection by inactivation of A_{2A} adenosine receptor (caffeine), changes in the gut microbiome, ↑ enzymatic activity of PP2A that dephosphorylates α -syn (cotreatment with EHT and caffeine), suppression of neuroinflammation. | (Chen et al., 2001; Derkinderen et al., 2014; Fazili and Naeem, 2015; Murata et al., 2023; Yan et al., 2018) |
| | Caffeine | No evidence for sustained symptomatic benefit on parkinsonism in PD (NCT01738178) | (Postuma et al., 2017) |
| Serum uric acid | Uric acid (urate) | ↓ Oxidative stress (activation of the Nrf2 pathway), effect on striatal DA activity in women (positive correlation) | (Bakshi et al., 2015; Oh et al., 2020) |

Table 2 (continued)

| Factors (non-genetic) | Molecules/products | Mechanisms of action or hypotheses | References |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| | | No causal link between plasma urate and PD risk | (Kia et al., 2018; Kobylecki et al., 2018) |
| | | No clinical benefit was found from two-year urate-elevating inosine treatment in early PD (NCT02642393) | (Bluett et al., 2021) |
| Physical activity | Beer, red wine | ↑ Plasma uric acid levels, ↑BDNF, ↓ GFAP | (Paillard et al., 2015; Weisskopf et al., 2007) |
| Moderate alcohol intake | | beer: urate-raising effects, free radical scavenger (purine); red wine: neuroprotective role (flavonoids) | (Commenges et al., 2000; Gaffo et al., 2010; Jung et al., 2023) |
| NSAIDs | Ibuprofen | ↓ Inflammation (<i>LRRK2</i> -associated PD), activation of PPAR γ , ↓ oxidative stress (an antioxidant) | (Ascherio and Schwarzschild, 2016; Kiebertz and Wunderle, 2013; San Luciano et al., 2020; Singh et al., 2021) |
| Calcium channel blockers | Dihydropyridine | Attenuation of mitochondrial oxidant stress by blockade of calcium channel | (Ascherio and Schwarzschild, 2016; Surmeier, 2007) |
| | | Three-year treatment with immediate-release isradipine (an L-type calcium channel blocker) did not slow early PD progression (NCT02168842) | (Parkinson Study GroupSTEADY-PD III Investigators, 2020) |
| Welding | Mn | No link was found between welding, exposure to Mn, and PD. The expected link likely stemmed from the confounders (eg, smoking, the healthy worker effect, or the effect of exposure dose) | (Dirandeh et al., 2022) |

and in neurodegenerative diseases such as PD, AD, progressive supranuclear palsy, multiple system atrophy, Huntington's disease, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Meyer and Braga, 2022). However, smokers have low levels of MAO B (40 %; $P < 0.0002$) in the brain compared to non-smokers for the five brain regions (basal ganglia, thalamus, cerebellum, cingulate gyrus, and frontal cortex) (Fowler et al., 1996).

Among MAO inhibitors in tobacco or tobacco smoke, reversible and selective inhibitors primarily of human MAO B include trans,trans-farnesol, menadione (2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone), 1,4-naphthoquinone, scopoletin, and diosmetin (Table 3). Farnesol and menadione were found to be the most potent inhibitors of human MAO B with K_i values in the nanomolar range. Norharman and harman are potent, reversible MAO inhibitors found in coffee and cigarette smoke (Dixon Clarke and Ramsay, 2011). In particular, harman is a condensation product of acetaldehyde with tryptamine or tryptophan and may be produced endogenously (Talhout et al., 2007).

Recently, six new MAO inhibitors (catechol, 4-methylcatechol, 4-ethylcatechol, hydroquinone, α -linolenic acid, and linoleic acid) have been identified in tobacco smoke that inhibit human MAO A and MAO B isoenzymes (Hong, 2023) (Table 3). Notably, 4-methylcatechol and 4-ethylcatechol exhibited significant time-dependent inhibition of MAO B. After 1 h preincubation, both compounds displayed MAO B inhibitory activity with IC_{50} values in the low micromolar range. Moreover, mainstream cigarette smoke condensate includes considerable quantities of catechol (195 μ g/cigarette), 4-methylcatechol (38 μ g/cigarette), 4-ethylcatechol (28 μ g/cigarette), and hydroquinone

Table 3

In vitro inhibitory effects on MAO B, COMT, and α -synuclein fibrillation, as well as activation of the Nrf2 pathway, modulation of gut microbiota, and other neuroprotective effects by components of tobacco (T), tobacco smoke (S), green coffee (G), and roasted coffee (R).

| Compound | Class | T/ S/ G/R | IC ₅₀ or K _i or EC ₅₀ values (μ M) ^a | | References |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| | | | MAO B | α -Syn/COMT/Observed Effects | |
| Nicotine | Alkaloid | T, S | | Inhibits α -syn oligomerisation and fibrillization | (Hong et al., 2009; Kardani et al., 2017) |
| Caffeine | Alkaloid | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 5080 K _i 3830 | Attenuates the toxicity of α -syn aggregates | (Kardani and Roy, 2015; Petzer et al., 2013) |
| Trigonelline | Alkaloid | G, R | | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Arlt et al., 2013; Ghanem et al., 2021) |
| Harman | β -carboline | T, S, R | K _i 5.89 (rat brain) | | (Miralles et al., 2005) |
| Norharman | β -carboline | T, S, R | IC ₅₀ 4.68, K _i 1.12 | | (Herraiz and Chaparro, 2005) |
| 2-Naphthylamine | Amine | S | K _i 40.2 (mouse brain) | | (Hauptmann and Shih, 2001) |
| Diethylnitrosamine | Amine | T, S | K _i 51.5 (rat liver) | | (Obata et al., 1989; van der Toorn et al., 2019) |
| TMN | Quinone | T, S | K _i 6 (human liver) | | (Khalil et al., 2000) |
| Menadione | Quinone | S | K _i 0.4 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization (EC ₅₀ 18) | (Cerqueira et al., 2011; da Silva et al., 2013) |
| 1,4-Naphthoquinone | Quinone | S | K _i 1.5 | | (Cerqueira et al., 2011) |
| 1,4-Benzoquinone | Quinone | S | IC ₅₀ 10.2 | | (Mostert et al., 2017) |
| Catechol | Phenol | T, S, R | IC ₅₀ 31.3 | First generation COMTI, \uparrow DA, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Hong, 2023; Kiss and Soares-da-Silva, 2014; Senger et al., 2016; Walker et al., 2012) |
| 4-Methylcatechol ^b | Phenol | S, R | IC ₅₀ 32.1 | Nrf2 pathway activator | (Hong, 2023; Senger et al., 2016) |
| 4-Ethylcatechol ^c | Phenol | S, R | IC ₅₀ 21.9 | Nrf2 pathway activator | (Hong, 2023; Senger et al., 2016) |
| 4-Vinylcatechol | Phenol | S, R | | Nrf2 pathway activator | (Senger et al., 2016) |
| Hydroquinone | Phenol | T, S, R | IC ₅₀ 19.7 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Hong et al., 2009; Hong, 2023; Senger et al., 2016) |
| Eugenol | Phenol | T, S, R | IC ₅₀ 288, K _i 211 | | (Tao et al., 2005) |
| Isoeugenol | Phenol | T, S, G | IC ₅₀ 102 | | (Zhang et al., 2019) |
| MHQ | Phenol | S | IC ₅₀ 8.9 | | (Tao et al., 2005) |
| Pyrogallol | Phenol | T, S, R | | Inhibits α -syn and A β fibrillization, COMT: K _i 13 (rat), \uparrow DA | (Di Giovanni et al., 2010; Guldborg, 1975; Walker et al., 2012) |
| Gallic acid | Phenol | T, S, R | | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization, COMT: K _i 70 (rat), modulates of gut microbiota-derived metabolites | (Di Giovanni et al., 2010; Feng et al., 2022; Guldborg, 1975) |
| Vanillin | Phenol | T, S, G, R | No inhibition at 15 | | (Zhang et al., 2019) |
| β -asarone | Phenol | T | IC ₅₀ 362 | | (Tao et al., 2005) |
| Resveratrol | Phenol | T | IC ₅₀ 30.77 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Rubiolo et al., 2008; Yáñez et al., 2006; Zhang et al., 2018) |
| CAPE | Phenol | R | IC ₅₀ 0.1 | COMTI, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Lee et al., 2010; Takao et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2009) |
| Ferulic acid | Phenolic acid | T, S, G, R | K _i 24.0 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization (EC ₅₀ 0.75) and destabilizes preformed α -syn fibrils (EC ₅₀ 4.76), first generation COMTI, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Badavath et al., 2016; Ma et al., 2010; Ono and Yamada, 2006; Yalcin and Bayraktar, 2010) |
| Protocatechuic acid | Phenolic acid | T, S | IC ₅₀ 300 (rat) | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization and destabilizes of preformed α -syn fibrils, first generation COMTI, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Hornedo-Ortega et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2012; Kiss and Soares-da-Silva, 2014; Vari et al., 2011) |
| Caffeic acid | Phenolic acid | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 247.7 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization, first generation COMTI | (de Mello Andrade et al., 2016; Di Giovanni et al., 2010; Kiss and Soares-da-Silva, 2014) |
| Chlorogenic acid | Phenolic acid | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 191.4 | Inhibits α -syn oligomerization, COMT: IC ₅₀ 6.17 (rat), \uparrow DA, modulates of gut microbiota-derived metabolites | (de Mello Andrade et al., 2016; Engelbrecht et al., 2019; Teraoka et al., 2012; Walker et al., 2012; Xie et al., 2021) |
| Quercetin | Flavonoid | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 10.89, K _i 7.95 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization, COMT: K _i 8.4 (rat), COMT: IC ₅₀ 1.38, modulates gut microbiota | (Di Giovanni et al., 2010; Duda-Chodak, 2012; Guldborg, 1975; Lee et al., 2001; Zhao et al., 2021) |
| Kaempferol | Flavonoid | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 20.4 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization (EC ₅₀ 0.55) and destabilizes preformed α -syn fibrils (EC ₅₀ 12.99), COMTI (mixed type noncompetitive) Nrf2 pathway activator | (Deng and West, 2011; Gao et al., 2010; Guldborg, 1975; Ono and Yamada, 2006) |
| Quercitrin | Flavonoid | T, S, G | IC ₅₀ 19.06, K _i 21.01 | | (Lee et al., 2001) |
| Myricetin | Flavonoid | G | IC ₅₀ 59.34 | Inhibits α -syn fibrillization (EC ₅₀ 0.21) and destabilizes preformed α -syn fibrils (EC ₅₀ 0.24), COMT: IC ₅₀ 0.96 | (Larit et al., 2018; Ono and Yamada, 2006; Zhao et al., 2021) |
| Dihyromyricetin | Flavonoid | G | | COMT: IC ₅₀ 3.73, modulates of gut microbiota-derived metabolites | (Dong et al., 2021; Zhao et al., 2021) |
| Myricitrin | Flavonoid | T | 40 % inhibition at 61.91 (mouse brain) | COMT: IC ₅₀ 7.26 | (Banerjee et al., 2022; Zhao et al., 2021) |
| Isoquercitrin | Flavonoid | T | IC ₅₀ 11.64, K _i 2.72 | | (Lee et al., 2001) |
| Rutin | Flavonoid | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 3.89, K _i 1.83 | COMT: IC ₅₀ 25.3 (rat), K _i 30 (rat), Inhibits α -syn fibrillization | (Engelbrecht et al., 2019; Guldborg, 1975; Lee et al., 2001; Meng et al., 2009) |
| Naringenin | Flavonoid | T, G | IC ₅₀ 288 (rat liver) | COMT: IC ₅₀ 54 (human liver), modulates gut microbiota | (Duda-Chodak, 2012; Gugler and Dengler, 1973; Olsen et al., 2008) |

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| Compound | Class | T/ S/ G/R | IC ₅₀ or K _i or EC ₅₀ values (μM) ^a | | References |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|---|--|
| | | | MAO B | α-Syn/COMT/Observed Effects | |
| Naringin | Flavonoid | T | IC ₅₀ 44.6 | COMT: 21.1 % inhibition at 20 (human liver) | (2016; Gugler and Dengler, 1973) |
| Isorhamnetin | Flavonoid | G | | COMT: 51.8 % inhibition at 20 (human liver) | (Gugler and Dengler, 1973) |
| Taxifolin | Flavonoid | G | | COMT: IC ₅₀ 18 (human liver) | (Gugler and Dengler, 1973) |
| Diosmetin | Flavonoid | T | IC ₅₀ 1.58 | | (Carradori et al., 2016) |
| Catechin | Flavonoid | G | IC ₅₀ > 100, IC ₅₀ 88.6 (rat brain) | Inhibits α-syn fibrillization (EC ₅₀ 0.84) and destabilizes preformed α-syn fibrils (EC ₅₀ 13.58), COMT: K _i 30 (rat), COMT: IC ₅₀ 0.86 (rat), modulates gut microbiota | (Engelbrecht et al., 2019; Guldberg, 1975; Hou et al., 2005; Huang et al., 2016; Ono and Yamada, 2006) |
| Epicatechin | Flavonoid | G | IC ₅₀ 58.9 (rat brain) | Inhibits α-syn fibrillization (EC ₅₀ 0.80) and destabilizes preformed α-syn fibrils (EC ₅₀ 11.38), COMT: IC ₅₀ 3.1 (human liver), modulates gut microbiota | (Hou et al., 2005; Kang et al., 2013; Ono and Yamada, 2006; Zeng et al., 2024) |
| Scopoletin | Coumarin | T, S | K _i 20.7, K _i 22.6 (rat) | Inhibits α-syn fibrillization, Nrf2 pathway activator | (Basu et al., 2016; Chang et al., 2015; Rane et al., 2021) |
| Isoquinoline | Azaarene | T, S | K _i 60.7 (human synaptosomes) | | (Naoi and Nagatsu, 1987) |
| Cembranoids | Terpene | T, S | | Neuroprotection activity | (Ferchmin et al., 2009; Yan et al., 2016) |
| Kahweol | Terpene | G, R | | Nrf2 pathway activator, ↓ 6-OHDA-induced ROS generation and caspase-3 activity, ↓ COX-2 | (Hwang and Jeong, 2008; Kim et al., 2004) |
| Cafestol | Terpene | G, R | | Nrf2 pathway activator, ↓ COX-2 | (Kim et al., 2004; McMahon et al., 2001) |
| Trans,trans-farnesol | Terpenoid | T, S | K _i 0.80 (human liver) | Modulates gut microbiome | (Khailil et al., 2006; Sell et al., 2022) |
| α-Linolenic acid | n-3 PUFA | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 31.9 | Modulates gut microbiota | (Gao et al., 2020; Hong, 2023; Zhuang et al., 2018) |
| Linoleic acid | n-6 PUFA | T, S, G, R | IC ₅₀ 43.7 | Modulates gut microbiota | (Hong, 2023; Zhuang et al., 2018) |
| EHT | Fatty acid amide | R | | Inhibits α-syn phosphorylation and aggregation, ↑ PP2A methylation and cytoprotection (cotreatment of SH-SY5Y cells with EHT and caffeine) | (Lee et al., 2011; Yan et al., 2018) |

^{b,c} For comparability with other compounds, IC₅₀ with no preincubation is given for the catechols. If the species is not mentioned in the Table, the sources of the MAO B and COMT enzymes are always human recombinant MAO B and human recombinant S-COMT, respectively. The EC₅₀ values are described as the concentrations of the tested compounds that inhibit α-syn fibrils formation to 50 % of the control value or the concentrations that destabilize preformed α-syn fibrils to 50 % of the control value. 6-OHDA: 6-hydroxydopamine; CAPE: caffeic acid phenylethyl ester; COMTI: catechol O-methyltransferase inhibitor; COX-2: cyclooxygenase-2; EHT: Eicosanoyl-5-hydroxytryptamide; MHQ: 2-Methoxyhydroquinone; Nrf2: nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2; TMN: 2,3,6-trimethyl-1,4-naphthoquinone.

^a The IC₅₀ and K_i values reported for the inhibition of MAO B and COMT are not directly compared, as they have been measured in different tissues under various experimental settings.

(121.5 μg/cigarette) (Smith and Hansch, 2000). These compounds may play a crucial role in the inhibition of MAO B in smokers. One of these new MAO inhibitors, α-linolenic acid, is an n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA). There is growing evidence indicating that n-3 PUFAs can help ameliorate PD symptoms (Avalone et al., 2019; Bousquet et al., 2011; Hernando et al., 2019). n-3 PUFAs are considered to have a positive effect on PD due to anti-inflammatory, antioxidative, and neuroprotective properties (Li and Song, 2022). A case-control study reported that PD patients had lower PUFA intake (P = 0.024), compared with healthy controls, based on 24-hour dietary recalls and 3-day dietary records (Ådén et al., 2011).

BDNF: brain-derived neurotrophic factor; DA: dopamine; EHT: eicosanoyl-5-hydroxytryptamide; ENS: enteric nervous system; GFAP: glial fibrillary acidic protein; GSH: L-glutathione; Nrf2: NF-E2-related factor 2; NSAIDs: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; LRRK2: leucine rich repeat kinase 2; PP2A: protein phosphatase 2A; PPARγ: Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ; ROS: reactive oxygen species; SNCA: α-synuclein gene.

Green coffee (*Coffea arabica* and *Coffea canephora*) contains numerous flavonoids, including quercetin, kaempferol, quercitrin, myricetin, dihydromyricetin (ampelopsin), isorhamnetin, taxifolin, rutin, naringenin, catechin, and epicatechin (Mannino et al., 2023). Flavonoids in green coffee that inhibit MAO B include quercetin, quercitrin, myricetin, rutin, naringenin, catechin, and epicatechin (Table 3). The content of polyphenolic compounds and caffeine in coffee beans was measured under different roasting conditions using HPLC analysis (Król et al., 2020). The authors found that organic coffee beans contained major bioactive compounds, including caffeine (4.61 mg/g), gallic acid (1.45 mg/g), chlorogenic acid (5.94 mg/g), caffeic acid (0.058 mg/g), rutin (0.103 mg/g), quercetin (0.11 mg/g), and kaempferol (0.14 mg/g). Among these, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid, rutin,

quercetin, and kaempferol show inhibitory activity on human MAO B, with rutin being the most potent compound (Table 3). The coffee ingredient caffeic acid phenylethyl ester (CAPE) is a degradation product of chlorogenic acid (Kalthoff et al., 2020) and a potent human MAO B inhibitor with an IC₅₀ value in the nanomolar range (Takao et al., 2017) (Table 3).

Taken together, these results suggest that MAO B inhibition by the non-nicotine components from tobacco smoke and coffee may contribute to the low incidence of PD in smokers and coffee drinkers.

4.2. Inhibition of α-synuclein fibrillation

A neuronal protein, α-syn, plays a key role in the PD pathophysiology by aggregating into oligomers and fibrils, and forming Lewy bodies and Lewy neurites in the gastrointestinal tract, brainstem, and higher brain regions. This process contributes to mitochondrial, lysosomal, and synaptic dysfunction, immune activation, and neuroinflammation in PD (Morris et al., 2024). Therapeutic intervention targeting α-syn toxicity span different stages of its pathways, including α-syn synthesis, aggregation, propagation, degradation, and active immunization (Wong and Krainc, 2017). In addition, α-syn fibrillation is an important therapeutic target in the treatment of PD (Follmer, 2014).

Using *in vitro* and the well-validated yeast cell models, it has been found that nicotine inhibits aggregation of α-syn, while caffeine attenuates the toxicity of α-syn aggregates, providing a potential explanation for the inverse relationships between PD and cigarette smoking and coffee consumption reported in epidemiological studies (Kardani and Roy, 2015; Kardani et al., 2017) (Table 3). Furthermore, Hong et al. (2009) reported that nicotine and hydroquinone found in cigarette smoke inhibit α-syn fibrillization in a dose-dependent manner.

In α-syn-transgenic mice, eicosanoyl-5-hydroxytryptamide (EHT), a

coffee component, inhibited PP2A demethylation and prevented both α -syn aggregation and α -syn phosphorylation at Serine 129, which promotes oligomer formation and fibrillization *in vitro*. The authors suggested that EHT exposure via coffee intake may contribute to its potential benefits in reducing PD risk (Lee et al., 2011).

Catechol-containing compounds from tobacco smoke and coffee blocked the fibril formation of α -syn and β -amyloid (A β). Pyrogallol, gallic acid, caffeic acid, and quercetin have displayed inhibition of α -syn and A β fibrillization, showing that the catechol moiety in these compounds is fundamental for the anti-amyloidogenic activity (Di Giovanni et al., 2010) (Table 3). Antioxidant compounds such as ferulic acid, myricetin, kaempferol, catechin, and epicatechin inhibit the formation of α -syn fibrils and destabilize preformed α -syn fibrils and the most potent compound was myricetin (Ono and Yamada, 2006) (Table 3).

4.3. COMT inhibition by tobacco or coffee compounds

Catechol O-methyltransferase (COMT, EC 2.1.1.6) catalyzes the O-methylation metabolism of catecholamine neurotransmitters DA, epinephrine, and norepinephrine (Brancher et al., 2021). This reaction involves transferring the methyl group from the cofactor S-adenosyl-L-methionine (SAME) to a hydroxyl group of catechols, facilitated by a magnesium ion (Tunbridge et al., 2006). COMT also catalyzes the O-methylation of the DA precursor L-DOPA into 3-methoxy-L-DOPA (3-OMD), therefore preventing its further conversion into DA (Finberg, 2019). In both central nervous system (CNS) and all peripheral tissue, COMT is expressed. COMT inhibition reduces the metabolite of L-DOPA, 3-OMD, and increases L-DOPA levels transported into the CNS (Regensburger et al., 2023).

Catechol-containing compounds from tobacco smoke or coffee that inhibit COMT include catechol, pyrogallol, CAPE, gallic acid, ferulic acid, protocatechuic acid, caffeic acid, quercetin, and rutin, chlorogenic acid, myricetin, myricitrin, catechin, and epicatechin (Table 3). Among them, catechol, pyrogallol, gallic acid, ferulic acid, protocatechuic acid, caffeic acid, quercetin, and rutin are early COMT inhibitors (categorized as first-generation inhibitors) (Kiss and Soares-da-Silva, 2014; Yalcin and Bayraktar, 2010), which are much less effective than nitrocatechol-type COMT inhibitors such as entacapone, tolcapone, and nitecapone in animal studies (Männistö and Kaakkola, 1999). Pyrogallol, gallic acid, quercetin, rutin, and catechin have been evaluated for rat liver COMT inhibitory activities and the most potent compound was quercetin with K_i value in the low micromolar range (Guldberg, 1975) (Table 3). Forty natural compounds including catechin, chlorogenic acid, and rutin were selected to assess the dual inhibitory activity against rat liver COMT and recombinant human MAO B (Engelbrecht et al., 2019). Catechin, chlorogenic acid, and rutin inhibited COMT with IC_{50} values of 0.86, 6.17 and 25.3 μ M, respectively (Table 3). Also, a recent study found that two flavonoids myricetin and myricitrin are both potent human COMT inhibitors with IC_{50} values of 0.96 and 7.26 μ M, respectively (Zhao et al., 2021) (Table 3).

4.4. Suppression of neuroinflammation

Neuroinflammation in the CNS is a response including all cell types (neurons, macroglia, and microglia), and its first indication is microglia activation (Shabab et al., 2017). Microglia can be classified into two distinct types, M1 phenotype and M2 phenotype (Tang and Le, 2016). Under pathological conditions in PD, activated M1 (pro-inflammatory) microglia release pro-inflammatory mediators that stimulate astrocytes, causing increased production of pro-inflammatory factors, nitric oxide, and superoxide radicals, which contribute to the degeneration of DAergic neurons (Wang et al., 2015a). Table 4 summarises the suggested neuroprotective and anti-inflammatory effects of bioactive components from tobacco and coffee in *in vivo* models of PD, as discussed in the following section.

Table 4

Potential neuroprotective effects of tobacco (T), tobacco smoke (S), green coffee (G), and roasted coffee (R) components in *in vivo* models of Parkinson's disease.

| Compound | T/ S/ G/ R | PD models/ Animals | Observed Effects | References |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Nicotine | T, S | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \uparrow p-ERK/ERK, \downarrow iNOS and IL-6, \downarrow p-JNK/JNK | (Ruan et al., 2023) |
| | | MPTP, SIRT6 transgenic mouse | \downarrow SIRT6 | (Nicholatos et al., 2018) |
| Caffeine | T, S, G, R | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \downarrow MPTP-induced DAergic toxicity, A _{2A} adenosine receptor inactivation | (Chen et al., 2001) |
| | | Rotenone, Wistar rat | \uparrow GSH (antioxidation) and SOD, \downarrow TNF- α , MDA (oxidative stress), and NO, | (Khdraway et al., 2017) |
| Trigonelline | G, R | 6-OHDA, Wistar rat | \downarrow MDA | (Mirzaie et al., 2016) |
| TMN | T, S | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \uparrow DA | (Castagnoli et al., 2003) |
| Eugenol | T, S, R | MPTP, Swiss albino mouse | \uparrow GSH, \downarrow MDA | (Vora et al., 2022) |
| | | 6-OHDA, Wistar rat | \uparrow GSH, \downarrow NO ₂ /NO ₃ (nitrosative stress), \downarrow TBARS (lipid peroxidation) | (Moreira Vasconcelos et al., 2020) |
| Vanillin | T, S, G | Rotenone, Wistar rat | \uparrow DA, \uparrow GSH, \uparrow Antioxidant enzymes (GPx, CAT, and SOD), \downarrow TBARS | (Dhanalakshmi et al., 2016) |
| | | 6-OHDA, Wistar rat | \uparrow DA | (Abuthawabeh et al., 2020) |
| β -asarone | T | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \uparrow TH+ cells, \downarrow MALAT1 and α -syn | (Zhang et al., 2016) |
| CAPE | R | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \uparrow TH+ cells, \downarrow iNOS and caspase-1 expression | (Fontanilla et al., 2011) |
| | | 6-OHDA, Wistar rat | \uparrow Locomotor activity and motor performance | (Soner et al., 2021) |
| Ferulic acid | T, S, G, R | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \downarrow Bax/Bcl2, \uparrow antioxidation, \downarrow apoptosis | (Nagarajan et al., 2015) |
| | | Rotenone, Wistar rat | \downarrow COX-2 and iNOS, \downarrow Pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-1 β , IL-6, and TNF- α), \downarrow Iba-1 and GFAP | (Ojha et al., 2015) |
| Caffeic acid | T, S, G, R | Rotenone, Swiss albino mouse | \downarrow Inflammatory mediators (COX-2, iNOS, and NF- κ B) | (Zaitone et al., 2019) |
| | | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | \uparrow DA, DOPAC, and HVA, \downarrow COX-2, iNOS, and GFAP, \downarrow NO and PGE ₂ | (Tsai et al., 2011) |
| Chlorogenic acid | T, S, G, R | MPTP, Swiss albino mouse | \downarrow iNOS, TNF- α , and NF- κ B, \downarrow GFAP, \uparrow TH | (Singh et al., 2018) |
| | | Rotenone, C57BL/6 mouse | \uparrow GLP-1 | (Sharma et al., 2022) |
| Quercetin | T, S, G, R | 6-OHDA, Wistar rat | \uparrow SOD, GPx, CAT, \downarrow MDA, \downarrow AChE activity | (Sriraksa et al., 2012) |
| | | Rotenone, Albino rat | \uparrow DA, Beclin-1, \downarrow MDA, CHOP, TrxR activity | (El-Horany et al., 2016) |

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| Compound | T/ S/ G/ R | PD models/ Animals | Observed Effects | References |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Kaempferol | T, S, G, R | Rotenone, Wistar rat | ↓ IL-1 β , TNF- α , NF- κ B, and I κ B | (Josiah et al., 2022) |
| | | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | ↑ DA and DOPAC, ↑ SOD and GSH-PX activity, ↓ MDA | (Li and Pu, 2011) |
| Rutin | T, S, G | Rotenone, Albino rat | ↑ GSH, SOD, GPx, and CAT, ↓ Lipid peroxidation, IL-6, and TNF- α | (Pan et al., 2020) |
| | | 6-OHDA, Wistar rat | ↑ DA and DOPAC, ↑ GPx, GR, CAT, and SOD, ↓ NO | (Moshahid Khan et al., 2012) |
| Resveratrol | T | Rotenone, Wistar rat | ↑ DA, ↓ CHOP and GRP78, ↓ caspase-3 activity | (Gaballah et al., 2016) |
| | | MPTP, C57BL/6 N mouse | ↑ TH+ cells, ↓ α -syn | (Wang et al., 2015b) |
| DHM | G | 6-OHDA, Sprague-Dawley rat | ↓ COX-2, ↓ TNF- α | (Jin et al., 2008) |
| | | MPTP, C57BL/6 J mouse | ↓ GSK-3 β | (Ren et al., 2016) |
| Myricitrin | T, G, R | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | ↑ DA | (Banerjee et al., 2022) |
| Naringenin | T, G | MPTP, C57BL/6 J mouse | ↑ DAT and TH, ↑ DA, DOPAC, and HVA, ↑ GSH and SOD, ↓ α -syn, ↓ IL-1 β and TNF- α , ↓ NO | (Mani et al., 2018) |
| Naringin | T | 6-OHDA, C57BL/6 mouse | ↑ mTORC1 activity, ↓ microglial activation | (Kim et al., 2016) |
| | | Rotenone, Wistar rat | ↑ DA, DOPAC, and HVA, ↑ GPx and GR, ↓ cytochrome-C, caspase-9, and caspase-3 | (Garabadu and Agrawal, 2020) |
| Esculetin | T, S | MPTP, C57BL/6 J mouse | ↑ TH+ cells, ↑ GSH, ↓ caspase-3 activity | (Subramaniam and Ellis, 2013) |
| α -Linolenic acid | T, S, G, R | 6-OHDA, <i>C. elegans</i> | ↓ DAergic neurodegeneration and movement disorder | (Shashikumar et al., 2015) |
| EHT | R | MPTP, C57BL/6 mouse | ↓ Iba-1 and GFAP, ↓ p-JNK/JNK, ↑ GSH/GSSG | (Lee et al., 2013) |
| Cafestol | G, R | CncRNAi <i>Drosophila</i> | Nrf2-activator | (Trinh et al., 2010) |

List of Abbreviations: CAPE: caffeic acid phenylethyl ester; CAT: catalase; CHOP: C/EBP homologous protein; COX-2: cyclooxygenase-2; DAT: dopamine transporter; DHM: Dihydromyricetin; DOPAC: 3,4-dihydroxyphenylacetic acid; EHT: Eicosanoyl-5-hydroxytryptamide; ERK: extracellular signal-regulated kinase; GFAP: glial fibrillary acidic protein; GLP-1: glucagon-like peptide 1; GPx: glutathione peroxidase; GR: glutathione reductase; GRP78: glucose-regulated protein 78; GSH: L-glutathione; GSH-PX: glutathione peroxidase; GSK-3 β : glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta; GSSG: oxidized glutathione; HVA: homovanillic acid; Iba-1: anti-ionized calcium-binding adaptor molecule-1; I κ B: I κ B kinase beta; iNOS: inducible nitric oxide synthase; JNK: c-Jun NH₂-terminal kinase; MALAT1: metastasis associated lung adenocarcinoma transcript 1; MDA: malondialdehyde; mTORC1: mammalian target of rapamycin complex 1; NF- κ B: nuclear factor kappa B; Nrf2: nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2; 2 PGE₂: prostaglandin E₂; SIRT6: a member of the sirtuin family of NAD⁺-dependent deacetylases; p-ERK: phosphorylated ERK; p-JNK: phosphorylated-JNK; SOD: superoxide dismutase; TBARS: thiobarbituric acid reactive substances; TH: tyrosine hydroxylase; TH+ cells: nigral dopaminergic neurons; TMN: 2,3,6-trimethyl-1,4-naphthoquinone.

4.4.1. Alkaloids

Epidemiological and basic research studies on the role of nicotine in protecting against PD suggest that nicotine administration may slow down and/or stop disease progression in early PD, as nicotine acts on nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs) (Quik et al., 2012). A recent study on the neuroprotective effects of nicotine on PD found that nicotine pretreatment reduced microglia activation, as well as inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and interleukin-6 (IL-6) expression in the substantia nigra and striatal regions of MPTP-induced PD models (Ruan et al., 2023). Another study found that nicotine not only suppressed SIRT6, a member of the sirtuin family of NAD⁺-dependent deacetylases, *in vitro* and *in vivo* but also indicated that SIRT6 contributes to the pathogenesis and inflammation found in PD. This implies that by accelerating the degradation of SIRT6, nicotine can offer neuroprotective benefits (Nicholatos et al., 2018).

In a rotenone-induced PD model, caffeine reduced the elevated levels of tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α) in the midbrain and the striatum (+19% and +29%, respectively), demonstrating caffeine's anti-inflammatory effect (Khadrawy et al., 2017). The authors suggested that this effect could result from caffeine's ability to inhibit TNF- α gene expression and reduce the number of activated microglia. Trigonelline (1-N-methylnicotinic acid) is a pyridine alkaloid and a nicotinic acid metabolite present in coffee beans (Ashihara et al., 2015). It can cross the blood-brain barrier and has been shown to have antidiabetic, neuroprotective, and antioxidant effects (Liang et al., 2023). Regarding PD, Mirzaie et al. (2016) found that pretreatment with trigonelline in 6-hydroxydopamine (6-OHDA)-lesioned rats enhances the viability of SNpc neurons, prevents apoptosis, as well as restores the level of malondialdehyde (MDA), suggesting potential benefits for early PD management.

4.4.2. Phenols and phenolic acids

Using the LPS-treated BV-2 microglial cells and C57BL/6 mice, catechol inhibited nuclear factor kappa B (NF- κ B) activation in microglia, leading to a significant suppression of lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced production of inflammation-related mediators, including nitric oxide (NO), cytokines, and chemokines. However, future studies are needed to explore whether catechol also suppresses neuroinflammation in PD caused by α -syn (Murata et al., 2023). Eugenol (4-allyl-2-methoxyphenol) and its link with L-DOPA were investigated in a 6-OHDA-induced PD model because eugenol has been extensively studied for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects. Moreira Vasconcelos et al. (2020) demonstrated that combination of eugenol and L-DOPA enhances reduced glutathione (GSH) level more than L-DOPA alone and showed that this combination was promising in comparison to conventional treatment.

Chlorogenic acid and its metabolites, including caffeic acid, ferulic acid, and quinic acid, are widely recognized for their antioxidant activities, which play a crucial role in their neuroprotective effects (Colombo and Papetti, 2020). Chlorogenic acid (3-O-caffeoylquinic acid), an ester of caffeic acid and quinic acid, is a main phenolic acid in coffee with potential health benefits, including antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects, as well as anti-diabetic, anti-bacterial, anti-carcinogenic, and anti-obesity effects (Tajik et al., 2017). In MPTP-intoxicated mice, chlorogenic acid significantly decreased pro-inflammatory mediators, like TNF- α and IL-1 β , and blocked astrocyte activation. Additionally, it significantly increased levels of anti-inflammatory cytokine interleukin-10 (IL-10), showing potential benefits in treating the inflammatory condition linked with PD (Singh et al., 2018). To examine whether the neuroprotective effect of caffeic acid is dependent on its reported anti-inflammatory properties, microglial activity was assessed in rotenone-induced Parkinsonian mice (Zaitone et al., 2019). In this model, treatment with caffeic acid led to a reduction in microglial activation and decreased the expression of inflammatory mediators, including COX-2, iNOS, and NF- κ B. Ferulic acid decreased activation of anti-ionized calcium-binding adaptor

molecule-1 (Iba-1) and glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP), as well as levels of cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) and iNOS, interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β), IL-6, and TNF- α , suggesting that neuroprotective effect occurs via its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties (Ojha et al., 2015).

4.4.3. Flavonoids

In a rotenone-induced PD model, quercetin (20 mg/kg) significantly decreased the expression of genes, including IL-1 β , TNF- α , NF- κ B, and I κ B kinase beta (I κ KB), suggesting that quercetin's anti-inflammatory effect is mediated through the regulation of the canonical NF- κ B pathway (Josiah et al., 2022). In a 6-OHDA-induced PD model, naringin treatment significantly reduced not only the number of Iba1-positive microglia but also the level of IL-1 β , suggesting that its potential anti-neuroinflammatory activities could contribute to neuroprotective effects in the adult brain (Kim et al., 2016). In lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-treated mice, dihydromyricetin elevated the level of IL-10 while decreasing the level of pro-inflammatory cytokines like TNF- α , IL-1 β , and IL-6 (Hou et al., 2015). Additionally, it reduced the phosphorylation levels of NF- κ B, I κ KB, p38 mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK), and JNK, showing potential benefits in treating inflammatory-related diseases. In a PD model using MPTP, dihydromyricetin administration markedly alleviates MPTP-induced behavioural deficits and loss of DAergic neurons (Ren et al., 2016). Furthermore, Ren and colleagues found that dihydromyricetin dose- and time-dependently enhanced the phosphorylation of glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta (GSK-3 β), indicating a potential link to dihydromyricetin-induced protection of DAergic neurons. GSK3 exists in two isoforms (GSK3 α and GSK3 β) that regulate many cellular functions and is a potential therapeutic target for conditions such as psychiatric diseases, neurological diseases, inflammatory diseases, and cancer (Beurel et al., 2015).

4.4.4. Other compounds

EHT is a fatty acid derivative of serotonin (Yan et al., 2018) and a minor constituent present in coffee, recognized for its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities (Colombo and Papetti, 2020). In an MPTP PD model, the neuroprotective effect of EHT was examined (Lee et al., 2013). Lee and coworkers suggested that EHT has significant neuroprotective effects through multiple mechanisms: strong anti-inflammatory effect both *in vivo* and in cultured primary glial cells, direct antioxidant action, and modulated PP2A activity.

4.5. Disruption of the gut microbiome

Research on the gastrointestinal microbiome (GM) in PD indicates that changes in GM composition may lead to the spread of α -syn aggregates from the gut to the brain and potentially contribute to PD pathogenesis (Lubomski et al., 2020). There is a hypothesis that cigarette and coffee consumption decrease the risk of PD by altering the gut microbiota composition, which mitigates intestinal inflammation and results in reduced misfolding of α -syn in enteric nerves (Derkinderen et al., 2014). The gut microbiota composition differs significantly between current smokers and never smokers, while it is similar between never smokers and former smokers (Lee et al., 2018).

Farnesol, a potent and selective human MAO B inhibitor present in tobacco and tobacco smoke, has been reported to modify the composition of the gut microbiome (Sell et al., 2022). It notably decreases the Firmicutes:Bacteroidetes (F/B) ratio, which several studies have indicated is elevated in inflammatory gut diseases. Recently, Feng and coworkers reported that dietary compounds like gallic acid, chlorogenic acid, and dihydromyricetin can modulate gut microbiota-derived metabolites through their interaction with gut microbiota (Feng et al., 2022) (Table 3). These metabolites, including short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) and bile acids (BAs), are important not only for maintaining host homeostasis but also for the development of diseases such as PD. Furthermore, smoking enhances the integrity of the large intestine

barrier by potentially increasing the levels of Bacteroides and Prevotella, while decreasing the levels of Firmicutes and Actinobacteria (Hirayama et al., 2023). On the other hand, coffee led to higher levels of anti-inflammatory Bifidobacteria, while reducing the levels of Clostridium spp. and Escherichia coli, which penetrate the gut mucosa in PD (Scheperjans et al., 2015). Other components from tobacco and coffee that modulate gut microbiota include quercetin, naringenin, catechin, epicatechin, α -linolenic acid, and linoleic acid (Table 3).

4.6. Nrf2 pathway activation by tobacco and coffee compounds

Components in coffee and tobacco that activate the Nrf2 pathway may contribute to the decreased risk of PD in smokers and coffee drinkers (Trinh et al., 2010). One of the primary defence strategies against oxidative or electrophilic stress involves activating the Nrf2 pathway (Kumar et al., 2014), which helps protect disorders such as cancer and neurodegeneration (Senger et al., 2016). We report that catechol, 4-methylcatechol, 4-ethylcatechol, and 4-vinylcatechol, and hydroquinone are natural Nrf2 activators found in coffee and tobacco smoke (Table 3). Catechol, 4-methylcatechol, 4-ethylcatechol, and 4-vinylcatechol are formed via rapid decarboxylation of chlorogenic acid during coffee roasting (Ou, 2021). Senger and coworkers found that 4-methylcatechol, 4-ethylcatechol, and 4-vinylcatechol are potent activators of the Nrf2 pathway, showing potency comparable to that of sulforaphane, a well-characterized Nrf2 inducer (Senger et al., 2016). Recently, it has also been reported that coffee components such as catechol, and 4-ethylcatechol, and hydroquinone inhibit LPS-induced activation of NF- κ B and activate Nrf2, demonstrating anti-inflammatory activity (Funakoshi-Tago et al., 2022; Funakoshi-Tago et al., 2020). It was suggested that catechol is the primary component contributing to the anti-inflammatory effects of coffee, as it has a higher concentration of catechol compared to 4-ethylcatechol and hydroquinone. Other natural Nrf2 activators found in components of coffee and tobacco include trigonelline, kahweol, cafestol, resveratrol, protocatechuic acid, ferulic acid, kaempferol, scopoletin, and CAPE (Table 3). As such, these compounds could be promising candidates for therapeutic intervention in PD.

5. Limitations

This review has several limitations. Firstly, the identification of non-nicotine and non-caffeine components from tobacco and coffee was achieved through literature-based cross-referencing with known inhibitors of MAO B, COMT, and α -syn fibrillation, which may overlook novel mechanisms. Protective effects of these components have been observed in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* models of PD, including MPTP, 6-OHDA, and rotenone-induced models. However, further research is needed to validate these findings and assess their efficacy and selectivity compared to existing treatments. Notably, polyphenols like chlorogenic acid and quercetin are promising candidates for treating PD (Acikara et al., 2022; Gao et al., 2023). They share structural features, such as the catechol group, with established PD treatments like entacapone and opicapone. However, their exact mechanisms of action and therapeutic relevance in PD require further investigation. Secondly, most identified compounds lack data on bioavailability, pharmacokinetic analyses, and blood-brain barrier permeability. While compounds like chlorogenic acids in coffee are highly bioaccessible, only trace nano-molar levels of these compounds have been found in the bloodstream, raising questions about their potential to reach CNS targets (Wu et al., 2022). Moreover, limited data on toxicity or dose-response profiles complicate the evaluation of their therapeutic application. Thirdly, as mentioned in Section 4.6, the Nrf2 pathway helps protect against oxidative stress, which is linked to disorders like neurodegeneration. Mechanisms such as Nrf2 activation and MAO B inhibition, and modulation of gut microbiota, are implicated in neuroprotection, their long-term safety remains unclear. For example, while the adverse effects of MAO B inhibitors may be

milder compared to those of dopamine agonists (Giladi et al., 2016), and the MAO B inhibitor rasagiline has been proven safe and effective for long-term use, both as monotherapy and in combination with levodopa (Tan et al., 2022), many Nrf2 activators interact with cysteine residues on Keap1, often leading to off-target effects and toxicity (Li et al., 2020). Fourthly, strong evidence indicates that smoking and coffee consumption may reduce the risk of PD by improving gut health and reducing inflammation (Derkinderen et al., 2014; Zhu et al., 2022). For example, farnesol can decrease the Firmicutes:Bacteroidetes ratio. However, the role of gut microbiota modulation in PD risk reduction requires further investigation. Lastly, as mentioned in Table 2, cotreatment with EHT and caffeine increased PP2A activity, which dephosphorylates α -syn. EHT synergizes with caffeine to provide neuroprotection in mouse models of PD (Yan et al., 2018). Similarly, Hogg (2016) suggested that several tobacco-derived substances may contribute to the MAO inhibition observed in smokers through additive or synergistic effects. While individual components may provide benefits, their combined effects could lead to stronger neuroprotective benefits, which requires further research to fully understand their potential.

6. Conclusion and future directions

PD is a common progressive neurodegenerative disease, and current medications are only symptomatic and unable to prevent its progression. It has been suggested for a long time that two lifestyle factors, smoking and coffee drinking, are associated with a reduced risk of PD. Identifying candidate molecules and mechanisms underlying the protective effects of smoking and coffee drinking on PD is important for understanding these effects and for the treatment and progression of PD. This review summarized the protective effects of tobacco and coffee bioactive components in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* models of PD and categorized them based on their biological targets and molecular structure. The potential common mechanisms for the effects of smoking and coffee drinking include inhibition of MAO B, COMT, and α -syn fibrillation, changes in the gut microbiome, activation of the Nrf2 pathway, and suppression of neuroinflammation.

We have shown that bioactive components from tobacco and coffee, including alkaloids like nicotine and caffeine, phenolic compounds such as phenols, phenolic acids, flavonoids, and other components like esculetin, α -linolenic acid, TMN, EHT, and cafestol have potential neuroprotective effects in *in vivo* models of PD. Additionally, many candidate molecules from tobacco and coffee are multifunctional molecules that primarily target MAO B, COMT, and α -syn fibrillization. These molecules also may play a role in activating the Nrf2 pathway, suppressing neuroinflammation, and modulation of gut microbiota. Whilst these findings could plausibly explain the inverse link between smoking, coffee drinking, and PD, it is not clear whether the compounds identified in tobacco and coffee reduce the development and progression of PD, or only alleviate symptoms. Current data suggest both possibilities, but further research is needed to understand their long-term impact on disease progression. Future studies could explore the pathological role of MAO B in PD. Understanding of the role of MAO B in PD will not only be important for elucidating PD pathogenesis, but also for understanding the potential neuroprotective effects of MAO B inhibitors. Further studies on the development of multifunctional molecules targeting MAO B, COMT, and α -syn fibrillization, as well as the activation of the Nrf2 pathway, suppression of neuroinflammation, and modulation of gut microbiota, are essential for the effective treatment of PD.

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