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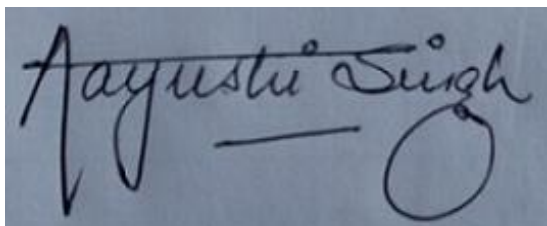
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## **ABSTRACT**

This paper highlights the approaches, opportunities and challenges faced by the fairly new techniques of drug repurposing. The development of new drugs from older, rejected or already existing drugs by a cost effective and a time-efficient process involving various assays is discussed below. The paper aims to draw attention towards dissimilarities between traditional drug development and newer processes of drug repositioning & experimental and computational approaches. This project deals with the techniques involved, the shortcomings and the numerous drugs repurposed with the help of various assay and methodologies with examples. It also discusses the types of drugs that can be repurposed and the pros and cons. Drug repositioning may turn into a vital methodology for drug disclosure as far as time-and capital-competency contrasting with ordinary medication revelation and advancement measure. Drugs can be re-purposed by various ways which include experimental and the *in-silico* based approach. Most approaches employed are according to the first stage of identification of lead candidate since it needs more sophisticated and systematic approaches. There are various other methodologies that are employed in the drug repurposing/repositioning like phenotype screenings, targeting 3-D structures among others. Drug repurposing offers a great scope for many orphan diseases as well but great opportunities come with challenges.

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**LIST OF SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND  
NOMENCLATURES**

<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>DR</b>	Drug Repositioning
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>DB</b>	Databases
<b>RNA</b>	Ribonucleic Acid
<b>SARS-CoV-2</b>	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2
<b>MERS</b>	Middle East Respiratory Syndrome
<b>PDE inhibitor</b>	Phosphodiesterase Inhibitor
<b>COVID</b>	Corona Virus Disease
<b>UTI</b>	Urinary Tract Infection
<b>NSAID</b>	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
<b>CVDs</b>	Cardiovascular Diseases
<b>MS</b>	Multiple sclerosis
<b>SSNRI</b>	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Drug repositioning, also known as drug remodeling, repurposing, rescuing, recycling can be defined as a process of recognizing new therapeutic purposes/uses for already marketed drugs. Drug repositioning has become quite popular in the recent years considering how the process of drug discovery can be reduced to minimal steps. Drug development is a high-risk process with comparatively large investment and time consumption. Drug repurposing as compared to processes of drug discovery include lesser risks, is economical and efficient.

Drug discovery on an average takes up to 15-20 years and \$10-\$12 billion approximately, and the triumph rate for evolving a new molecular component is approximately 2.02%. Investment on drug development is increasing steadily but since 1995, a decline in the quantity of drugs sanctioned by Food and Drug Administration has been noted. Hence, this new approach is a trending way now used to discover drugs in a cost-effective manner with relatively low investment.

Drug repurposing was a coincidental accomplishment back in mid 1920s. With decades of developments in techniques and approaches further processes have made easier for existing drugs/failed drugs/experimental/old FDA approved drugs to be redirected into new uses.

A large portion of the successful and most popular medication repurposing stories (for example sildenafil, valproic acid, aspirin, minoxidil) have arisen, if not from unanticipated perceptions, from haphazard ('field') determination measures, frequently depending on the definitely known toxicology of a medication, to tackle a clinical issue from another area. As of late, however, the medication disclosure local area has focused on the execution of coordinated, precise, information driven medication repurposing approaches, which much of the time incorporate

computational help. There, one may specify signs coordinating of proteomic or transcriptomic information; sub-atomic affinity estimations; structure-based virtual tests & efficient investigation of electronic wellbeing clinical preliminary and records and post-promoting observation information.

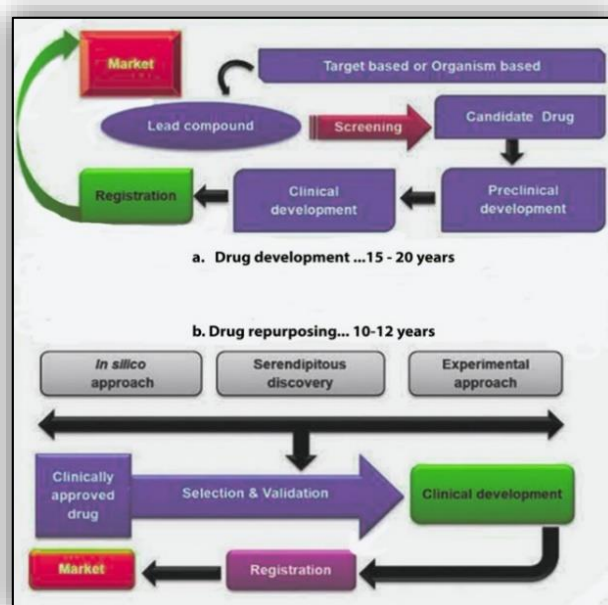


Fig 1. Phases in drug development in comparison to phases in drug repurposing

Drug development involves a series of steps: discovery of lead compound and pre-clinical stage, clinical development, regulatory approval, safety review, marketing. Whereas drug repurposing involves fewer steps like clinical approval of the drug, selection and validation, clinical development, post -marketing surveillance (as depicted in Fig 1).

Sildenafil (Viagra), was introduced in the market as an anti-anginal drug and as the medication for coronary artery disease, is considered to be a benchmark in drug repurposing, since at present it is being widely used as a drug for erectile dysfunction. Thalidomide, was developed as a medication of immunomodulation in expecting women but was taken off the markets since

it gave their infants serious birth defects. This drug was allowed to enter the markets again by FDA after a series of researches and released in the markets as a medication for multiple myeloma. In 1960s, Amantadine was released in the markets for the treatment of influenza infections. A patient suffering from Parkinson's came forward claiming that her symptoms had improved after its use. Amantadine was found to be functional in the medication of neurological disorders & was approved by FDA for the same. (Ref 1)

Such examples created a history and paved the way for drug repurposing and a prominent future. Although this process isn't new, it picked up momentum in the last 2 decades and now generates around 25% of the annual pharmaceutical revenue.



Fig 2. Processes of drug discovery and development: 10-20 years



Fig 3. Drug repurposing: 3-12 years

DRUG, CATEGORY	ORIGINAL INDICATIONS	NEW PURPOSE/ INDICATION
Sildenafil, PDE inhibitor	Pulmonary arterial hypertension, Angina Pectoris	Erectile dysfunction
Thalidomide, Immune modulator	Morning sickness, Immuno-modulation	Multiple myeloma, Leprosy
Valproic acid, Anti-epileptic	Epilepsy	Migraine headache, Manic depression, Bipolar disorders
Retinoic acid	Acne	Acute leukemia
Remdesivir, Anti-viral	Influenza, Ebola (failed in clinical trial)	COVID-19
Propranolol, Beta-blocker	Hypertension	Migraine
Nitroxoline, Anti-viral	UTI	Breast, bladder and pancreatic cancer
Colchicine, Anti-inflammatory agent	Gout, Gouty arthritis	Pericarditis, COVID (under development)
Aspirin, NSAID	Pain and inflammatory	CVDs (anti-platelet), Prostate cancer (under development)
Avermectin, Anthelmintic	River blindness, Elephantiasis	Tuberculosis
Dimethyl fumarate, anti-allergic	Psoriasis	Multiple sclerosis (MS)
Disulfiram, Acetaldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor	Chronic alcoholism	Cancer
Minoxidil, Antiprogesterin	Hypertension	Androgenic alopecia
Penfluridol/ Pimozide, Anti-psychotics	Psychiatric illness	Breast cancer
Everolimus, Immune suppressant	Immune suppressant	Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors
Duloxetine, SSNRI	Depression	Generalized anxiety disorders, fibromyalgia, chronic musculoskeletal pain, neuropathic pain
Isoniazid, Anti-tubercular	Tuberculosis	Certain types of tumor

Fig 4. Few examples of drugs that were repurposed from already approved drugs

### 1.1 WHICH DRUGS CAN BE REPURPOSED?

Drug repurposing involves finding alternative uses for an already existing drug with definite composition. It mostly involves developing failed drugs or approved drugs that weren't quite successful, to expand the area of treatment for neglected or rare diseases. Drugs usually employed for repurposing techniques are failed, rejected, investigational, already marketed or pro-drugs including drugs that are discontinued or abandoned. Already existing drugs are employed because of known components, their dosage and side effects. Already known

components are the reason for reduced clinical trial steps, reducing the time and cost for reaching the markets. Known components are favored since the known possibilities of combining with other drugs would allow a better and more effective treatment. Most of them also have demonstrated safety in humans which reduces Phase 1 of clinical trial. [6]

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Existing chains of pharmaceutical supplies facilitate new formulations and distributions of drugs manufactured. New mechanisms of action for older drugs might be discovered by repositioning. Recent developments in the field of network biology and genomics have led to better research towards repurposing and drug repositioning which were earlier thought to be discovered 'by chance'. Better technology in the fields of medicine has now made it possible to identify the gene involved responsible for a specific disease and whether the drug is able to target the gene responsible.

	<b>DRUG DISCOVERY</b>	<b>DRUG REPURPOSING</b>
<b>YEARS (IN MAKING)</b>	15-20 YEARS	9-10 YEARS
<b>COST (\$)</b>	\$12 BILLION	\$1.6 BILLION
<b>RISK RATE</b>	HIGH	LOW
<b>PHASES IN MAKING</b>	6 PHASES (INCLUDING POST-MARKETING SURVEILLANCE)	4 PHASES (INCLUDING POST-MARKETING SURVEILLANCE)
<b>CHANCES OF BEING APPROVED</b>	2.01% (LOW)	33% (COMPARATIVELY HIGH)
<b>EFFICIENCY</b>	LOW	HIGH

Table 1. Depicting different parameters for comparison

## 1.2 POSSIBLE METHODS EMPLOYED FOR DRUG REPOSITIONING:

Drug repurposing involves 3 main steps that include,

- (i) Identifying a candidate (target) and generating a new hypothesis for the same.
- (ii) Search for a signaling pathway for the drug/disease.
- (iii) Testing the effectiveness of the drugs in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of clinical prelims,

locating target candidate being the most crucial step. [6]

Drugs can be re-purposed by various ways which include experimental and the *in-silico* based approach. Most approaches employed are according to the first stage of identification of lead candidate since it needs more sophisticated and systematic approaches.

### 1.2.1 Experimental approach:



- Identification of target candidate- To find all possible drug binding targets various techniques are used like mass spectrometry and chromatography. Various tests involving mass spectrometry led to the discovery that a drug can combine with almost 20 contrasting protein kinases which can be medicated with appropriate drugs.
- It is also referred to as activity-based repurposing referring to the screening and testing of initially taken drugs for new pharmacological symptoms based on results of experimental evaluations.
- These involve screening of cell-based and protein target-based screens without needing any structural data of the target protein in *in-vitro* or *in-vivo* models of disease.
- Requirement of repositioned drugs is expanded to remunerate the low achievement pace of regular or traditional drug revelation measures. Then again, the accessibility of set up drug libraries drove specialists to make more objective plans contrasted with information-based medication repositioning. The expression "movement-based medication repositioning" represents testing real medications in examines.

### 1.2.2 *In-silico* method:

- It is classified as either disease or drug-centric, wherein disease-centric, new drugs for the existing diseases are tried and in drug-centric new signs for existing medications are detected.
- Also referred to as computational approach as it involves using bioinformatics tools and computational biology for virtual screening of chemical databases libraries and public databases of huge drug.
- In this approach, molecular interactivity amongst various drug molecules and proteins targets are monitored to achieve, identify potential bioactive molecules.

- *In-silico* method has gathered quite an approval in the past few decades because of remarkable accomplishment in drug discovery strategies.
- It has more advantages than experimental approaches, including reduced time, lower chances of failure and reduced cost of development and research.

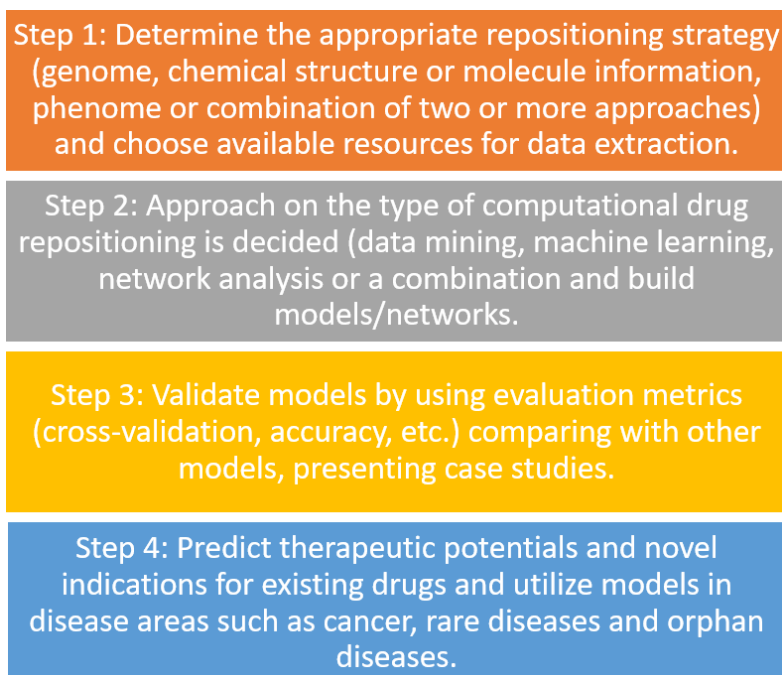


Fig 5. *in silico* approach workflow (Ref 12)

- Information and knowledge-based drug repurposing is exclusively reliant with respect to explores' information and capacity to decipher the logical perceptions or just happenstances. It isn't just a period and cost-productive interaction, yet additionally simple to approve in pre-clinical and clinical examinations if perceptions were tentatively researched. Then again, it isn't the orderly route contrasting with the other DR strategies, and along these lines it might seem dangerous. *In-silico* frameworks has decreased duration & capital, notwithstanding, generally relies on the accessibility of the exploratory information, for example, construction or quality articulation profiles

from the start. The organic meaning of the accepted destination anticipated by the computationally strategy should likewise be tentatively evaluated. Then again, action-based drug repurposing is time & work devouring; needing a whole assortment of existing medications, specific gear and foster a screening measure, yet it tends to be utilized without requiring primary data of target proteins or data set. In addition, movement-based drug repurposing is not difficult to approve since it encounters less bogus productive rates concerning *in-silico* repurposing.

<b>Experimental approach</b>	<b><i>In-silico</i> based method</b>
Also known as activity-based screening <i>(in vivo and in vitro)</i>	Also known as virtual screening (computational)
Involves cell-based and screening target-site assays	Involves protein target-based screening
Doesn't need any medication-prompted cell and infection phenotypic information or underlying information of targeted proteins	Requires phenotypic and structural data for screening
Duration & labor consuming	Duration & labor productive
Rates of incorrect positives during processing are low	Rates of incorrect positives during processing are high
High risks of failure	Low risks of failure

Table 2. Major dissimilarities between experimental and *in-silico* procedures

There are various other methodologies that are employed in the drug repurposing/repositioning like phenotype screenings, targeting 3-D structures among others (Ref 2). Target-based

methods and drug-based phenotype and screening methods report for almost 50% of drugs and molecules approved by FDA (as depicted in Table 3).

<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	<b>APPROACH</b>	<b>EXAMPLE(S)</b>
Phenotypic screening	<i>In-vitro and in-vivo</i> testing	Rituximab (breast cancer), Viagra (erectile dysfunction)
Target 3D structure, information on narcotics and ligands	Ligand based screening, molecular docking, <i>in silico</i> screening	Etoposide (bladder cancer), Fluorouracil (lung cancer)
Information from databases on clinical trials	Drug similarity researches	No drug approved by FDA yet.
Information on available pathway information from databases	Detection of disease mode of action, Addressing of key targets	Vismodegib (skin cancer)
Drug omics data	Researches on gene signatures	Fasudil (neurodegenerative diseases)

Disease omics/ genetic info available	Identifying key targets by genomics/ Studying gene signatures	No medication approved by FDA yet.
Drug omics data/ disease omics	Drugs and disease similarities	Topiramate (inflammatory bowel disease), Cimetidine (lung cancer).

Table 3. Other methodologies along with suitable examples [1]

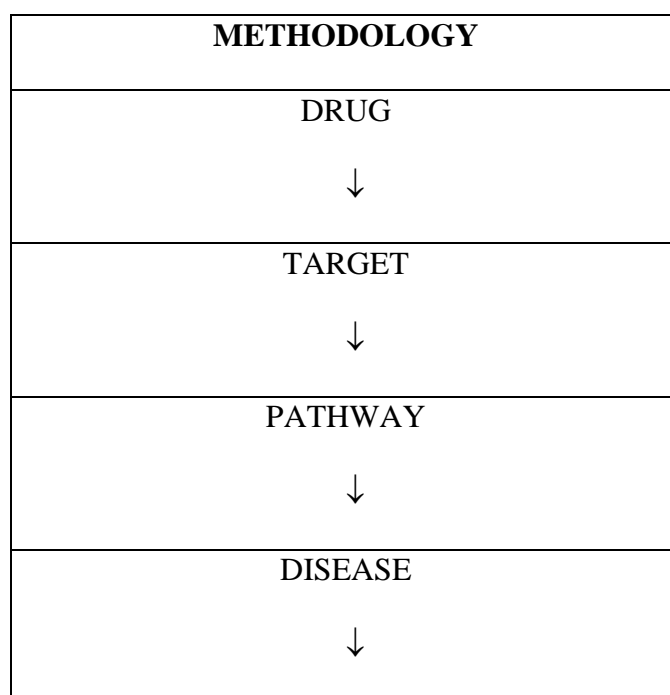
1.2.3 PHENOTYPIC SCREENING METHODS: These methods are used due to their flexibility to detect and analyze the molecular entities and diseases. These biological tests involve identification of specific drugs and disease models.

1.2.4 TARGET 3D STRUCTURES: These employ methods like *in-silico* approaches for molecular docking and ligand-based testing and *in-vivo* and *in-vitro* testing for biomarkers and drug components for a specific target. These have better chances than blind-search testing in discovering of drug leads. These methods are also time efficient and less risk prone.

1.2.5 INFORMATION FROM DATABASES ON CLINICAL TRIALS: These methods involve screening of data from various DB that furnish data on medications & their respective structures, effects, side-effects, pathways, profiles, targeting processes. The collected data is

utilized in predicting new pathways and mechanisms for drug functioning. The expression "knowledge/information-based medication repurposing" addresses drug repositioning dependent on information on the clinical specialists or analysts and their capacity to decipher logical perceptions or just incidents. The principal instances of medication repositioning were found fortunately while dealing with another sickness. Later, comparative infection indications, sharing adjusted pathways or the need of mix treatments, driven specialists to search for perceptions and repurpose drugs for a sickness as opposed to the initially focused on one. Thus, these examples of overcoming adversity have become unmistakable and as yet rehearsing with regards to sedate repositioning.

1.2.6 DISEASE OMICS: These methods are pathway based, they use data to establish specific pathways to a disease and the key targets for re-invented drugs. These methods involve usage of available metabolic pathways for shrinking/reducing large amounts of proteins and it's signaling network to fewer and specific network proteins.



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Table 4. The basic methodology in drug repositioning

Existing chains of pharmaceutical supplies facilitate new formulations and distributions of drugs manufactured. New mechanisms of action for older drugs might be discovered by repositioning. Recent developments in the field of network biology and genomics have led to better research towards repurposing and drug repositioning which were earlier thought to be discovered ‘by chance’. Better technology in the fields of medicine has now made it possible to identify the gene involved responsible for a specific disease and whether the drug is able to target the gene responsible.

STRATEGY TIERS	REPOSITIONED DRUGS
S1: Strategy 1: Serendipitous observation	Bupropion Thalidomide
S2: Strategy 2: Observation of novel activity (rational approach)	Nelfinavir
S3: Strategy 3: New drug-target interaction	Imatinib Sunitinib
S4: Strategy 4: New roles for existing protein-target	Crizotinib Everolimus
S5: Strategy 5: New biochemical pathways	Duloxetine
S6: Strategy 6: Disease-specific repositioning	Aspirin Metformin
S7: Strategy 7: Unexpected side effects	Sildenafil Minoxidil

Fig 6. Strategy tiers for drug repurposing with repositioned drug examples. (Ref 1)

### 1.3 IS DRUG REPURPOSING WORTHWHILE THE ATTEMPT?

Not a lot is expected from repurposing screens to recognize in excess a few of useful medications for a specific sign. In any case, even during the Covid pandemic, repurposed endeavors should have been conveyed when we have the rise of another infection, since, supposing that there is something that is promptly addressable to the populace, you totally need to distinguish it quickly and take it forward."

For example, specialists and researchers tried Remdesivir on the grounds that it was intended to close down RNA-subordinate RNA polymerases, an enzyme found in numerous viruses, including SARS-CoV-2. Remdesivir was initially evolved to treat hepatitis C and later went through a clinical preliminary during the 2016 Ebola episode, where it neglected to show any adequacy. Animal screenings had shown it could treat Covid, the one that leads to MERS (Middle East respiratory disorder). Hence, during Covid, it was the conspicuous thing to test," since it had its clinical information from its preliminary screenings with Ebola."

**1.4 CHALLENGES:** Despite promising results and opportunities repurposing is faced by various challenges. Drug repurposing is for the most part stressed inside benefits, numerous difficulties merit consideration. Not all endorsed non-malignant growth medications ought to be tried for disease treatment without substantial sub-atomic bits of knowledge into their powerful potency. There are additionally a few examinations that consider deserted medications for repurposing, in any case, additional consideration in choosing deserted medications is suggested in regards to deficient pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic information. Other point will be vulnerabilities, if the medication dosages, plans, & courses of



organization for the first sign are like the need of the counter malignant growth sign. Albeit supported medication procured by means of drug repurposing strategies don't function true to form, constructions and focuses of the endorsed medications can likewise facilitate in planning enhanced medication with new characteristics, for example, greater water solvency, expanded particularity, longer maintenance duration, and so forth.

- Lack of financial support: Since the new evidence is based on past information, for example, pharmacokinetic and producing information, the medication advancement course of events is significantly abbreviated, just like the necessary venture. The fundamental benefit of repositioned competitors is that it numerous times they have effectively demonstrated to be adequately protected in pre-symptomatic models & in any event, near beginning phase preliminaries in people, hence being more averse to fall flat from a security perspective in ensuing viability preliminaries (except if drug-illness associations are found). On account of supported medications, they have effectively excelled objective preliminaries & administrative examination, & have effectively gone through post-promoting observation.
  
- Lower drug prices
  
- Short patent durations: There are a few lawful viewpoints that could debilitate licensing another clinical use or potentially the implementation of patent rights, subsequently reducing the motivations for drug repurposing. In the first place, some public enactments hinder getting a patent for 2<sup>nd</sup> or further clinical uses (in spite of the fact that, it is feasible to ensure a repositioned clinical use in a large portion of the significant drug markets). Also, numerous potential repositioning utilizes have effectively

accounted for in the specific writing or are as of now being abused in the patient-contact experience as off-mark, un-enrolled utilizes. Regardless of whether such functions have yet not been embraced by administered clinical preliminaries, the data is now in the public space & influences curiosity & thus, legal-controllability.

- The way toward evolving new functions out of the extent from the first clinical sign for remaining medications is known as medication repositioning. Repositioning existing medications for new signs can offer a superior danger versus-reward compromise as contrasted and other medication advancement techniques, and can assist with conveying the efficiency builds the business needs while moving the locus of creation to biotechnology organizations.
  
- Low returns on investments
  
- Most pharmaceutical industries shy away from investing in such clinical trials: In spite of a racked medication could be viewed as an inactive funds or a botched or delayed moments, some drug organizations are less disposed than rest to deliver their synthetic databases (for example failed drugs) to branch the potential uses of their compound assortments (or c/would demonstrate extremely particular at picking accomplices), which could represent the principal boundary to sedate repositioning possibilities if a potential repositioned sign befalls out of the association's centre sickness region. [17]
  
- Techniques involves factors such as technology, commercial models, patents among others deeming it a complex process: Each computational methodology accompanies its own benefits and cut-off points dependent on the issue to be tackled and on the sort, quality, and amount of data accessible about the issue in the writing or out in the

public/private information bases. For instance, atomic docking requires high goal-specific data of medications and targets

- Requires massive amounts of medical data. [7]: While the open-source model is dynamically making strides inside the medication revelation local area [11], free to particular kinds of (significant) information (for example clinical preliminaries) is as yet restricted. Regardless of whether openness was not an issue, a few sorts of information are less well disposed to information mining, coordination and control (for example imaging information) or are in some cases offered in a non-normalized way [8]. Coordinating various sorts of information has additionally demonstrated computationally requesting as it expands the force of investigation
- Difficulties in applying the theories into processes.
- Inaccurate, biased or missing data leads to false or varied results: populace and varieties dependent on topographic district could be a different test for narcotics repurposing. Nonetheless, especially computational DR systems dependent on signature coordinating with procedures may give articulation marks for every person and expectedly convert into a customized drug repurposing.
- The need for fresh metrics for accuracies like sensitivity, recall, drug targets for better comparisons and evaluations.
- The possibility of repositioning space being used up [17]: In spite of the universe of disorders requiring improved helpful arrangements (or, restorative arrangements) is

without a doubt enormous, it very well might be contended that precise medication repurposing efforts may quickly deplete the medication repurposing possibilities for a given infection (all things considered, the quantity of repurposing applicants is restricted and it extends rather gradually quite a long time after year).

- For instance, a few high-throughput screens coordinated to the recognizable proof of trypanocidal repositioned narcotics with potential implementations as medicines for Chagas sickness are being accounted for consistently [13,16,17,21], and this without mulling over past low-through-put tests [16,19] & wet screens or *in-silico* screens zeroed in on explicit medication targets & containing trial approval of the actions (example, refs [13,25]). A substantial inquiry that arises is the number of much repositioned-arranged phenotypic results zeroed in on *Trypanosoma cruzi* w/could be legitimized. Similarly, we c/would inquire as to whether eagerness in drug repurposing would rot progressively as progressive deliberate screens on assortments of realized medications are executed.

In my opinion, target-based screens may hold extra worth. When an endorsed medicine has demonstrated its movement on an unexpected site, the entire arrangement of mixtures from a drug-organisations that have a similar dynamic framework could be investigated (regularly, many such mixtures are produced & employed to assemble structural–action connections through hit-to-lead & lead-streamlining processes; the lead compound for a restorative objective may not really be something similar for a different state).

## **2. CONCLUSION**

Despite drug development being a flagbearer for a lot of drugs discovering techniques is still quite risk-prone, time consuming, and expensive. Hence, techniques like 'drug repositioning' have come into limelight due to their faster and cheaper ways gaining attention from pharma companies for launching advanced narcotics in the markets. Drug repurposing techniques have proven to be more systematic and sophisticated in the recognition of drug components with unknown therapeutic evidences. As repurposing offers higher chances of achievement, less research period and comparatively less capital risk, it has achieved an increase in demand. Drug repurposing offers a great scope for many orphan diseases as well but great opportunities come with challenges.

Once and once more, drug repositioning is being supported as intriguing technique to investigate latest drug answers for uncommon & rare illnesses (a considerable lot of the accessible meds for such positions can be viewed as repositioned drug). The seek after of drug answers for rare and orphan illnesses, while perhaps not especially productive in absolutely monetary terms, infers different types of significant worth, like corporate social duty and the ensuing expanded social mindfulness/impression of drug organizations. Social duty includes supporting the balance between monetary turn of events and the government assistance of the general public and climate; one of its objectives is, in this way, assisting with reduce or eliminate hindrances like monetary condition. Government associations, on their part, additionally have the way to advance such drives however extraordinary practical motivations: it is, at that point, crucial for acquire and produce mindfulness that monetary misfortune because of uncommon and ignored conditions significantly surpasses the necessary speculation to foster new helpful arrangements.

In spite of the fact that drug repurposing should essentially reduce the duration and capital, keeping in mind the hurdles related with stage 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> medical preliminaries, disappointment in the mentioned stages can't be decreased by narcotics repurposing. Much capital, bigger quantity of patients and extensive hours are required after stage 2 of clinical preliminary with existing disappointment possibility, sadly. IPR and administrative guidelines involving the conversations over off-patent medications & respective mode of measures licenses are different issues considered for the marketing of advanced malignancy sign of a generally endorsed medication as noted above.

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