Update on Cancer Therapeutics:

Chemotherapy, Enzymes &

Immunotherapy

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Cancer therapy





Metastatic Breast Cancer & Therapy

1. Lysyl Oxidase 2. [Poly(Adenosine Diphosphate)Ribose] Polymerase (PARP) 3. Aromatase 4. Kinase

Lysyl Oxidase (LOX), a Targetable Secreted Molecule Involved in Cancer Metastasis.

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•Abstract

•In breast cancer, 100% of deaths are attributed to metastasis. At present, there are "NO cures" for secondary metastatic cancer of any form and there is an urgent unmet clinical need to improve the tools available in our arsenal against this disease, both in terms of treatment, but also prevention.

Lysyl oxidase (LOX) & metastatic breast cancer



The Role of Lysyl Oxidase Enzyme in M. Breast Cancer



Inhibition of Lysyl oxidase (LOX) in breast cancer cells by small-molecule inhibitors



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hypoxia-activated prodrugs



C. Granchi, T. Funaioli, J. T. Erler, A. J. Giaccia, M. Macchia, F. Minutolo, *ChemMedChem*. 2009, 4, 1590–1594.

[Poly(Adenosine Diphosphate)Ribose]-Polymerase (PARP) inhibitors

PARP is a family of proteins involved in a number of cellular processes such as DNA repair, genomic stability, and programmed cell death.

Activity of PARP in Breast Cancer

When the gene for one of some proteins is mutated, the change can lead to errors in DNA repair that can eventually cause breast cancer



Poly-[Adenosine Diphosphate-Ribose] (ADP-ribose) Polymerase

PARP inhibitors: A New Generation of Cancer Drugs



Lynparza (Olaparib)





50 mg / 112 cap. 100-150 mg / 60 Tab.

3,391.24 \$ 7,257.24 \$

Prof. Stephen Philip Jackson, Nottingham, England



Other PARP Inhibitors for Treatment of MBC



Talazoparib



Veliparib



Niraparib



Rucaparib

Aromatase Inhibitors for Treatment of Breast Cancer

• Al's inhibit the enzyme aromatase, which is responsible

for converting androgens (produced by women in the

adrenal glands) to estrogens.





Aromatase Inhibitors for Breast Cancer

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J. F. R. Robertson, et al., *J. Clin. Oncol.* 2009, *27*: 4530-4535. Letrozole



J. K. Fowler, et al., <u>Nucl.</u> <u>Med. Biol</u>. 2009, 36:215-223

(Me)₂N Tamoxifen

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Synthesis of Letrozole



Molecular Docking of Letrozole with Aromatase Enzyme





N4 of triazole coordinated to Fe of HEM + pi-cation interactions to pophyrin

Z. Rezaei, et al., *Res. Pharm. Sci.* 2017, *12*, 21-30

Which test should be done for breast cancer diagnosis

Blood Marker Test:

- CA 15.3: used to find breast and ovarian cancers.
 TRU-QUANT and CA 27.29: may mean that breast cancer is present.
 CA125: may signal ovarian cancer, recurrence of breast and ovarian cancer recurrence.
 CEA (carcinoembryonic antigen): metastatic factor
- HER2 (Human Epidermal Growth) receptor test.



Low cost



- Disadvantages:
- Low resolution
- Operator dependent analysis

Detection : Ultrasonic waves

No tissue penetrating limit

Disadvantages:

- Radiation risk
- Not quantitative

Detection : X-ray

Early Tumor Diagnosis By Fluorescence Imaging Technique

COX-2-Targeted Imaging Agents



Tumor

Indomethcine

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Prostate Cancer Therapy

Cell Lines of Prostate Cancer

The most common PC cell lines are:

PC-93, PC-3, DU-135, TSU-Pr1, LNCaP, Cytochrome P450 17A1 (CYP 17A1).

Important antigens expressed by prostate cancer cells include prostate-specific antigen (PSA) (\leq 2.0 ng), which has been used both for screening for prostate cancer and for management of patients with the disease.

D. M. Peehl, Cancer Suppl. 1995, 75, 2021-2026.

CYP 17A1 Inhibitors for treatment of PC

Cytochrome P450 17α-hydroxylase, C17,20-lyase (CYP17) is at the crossroads of androgen and corticoid biosynthesis and has become a valuable target in prostate cancer (PC) treatment.



Our recent work on CYP 17 Inhibitors





IC₅₀ = 2.5 \pm 0.0 μ M, Inhibition % = 78.6 \pm 3

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Molecular Modeling Study of Thiazolyl- pregnenolone analogue with the amino acids of the CYP 17, a hydroxylase





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Fig. Computer model of human CYP17 (pdbid: 3ruk) with 21. Complexation of heme-Fe⁺² (*brown*) with lone pair of oxygen atom of OH group at C-3. Three hydrogen bonds are shown: Ile371 with OH at C-3; Gly297 and Leu242 with 2" and 4"-OMe groups of phenyl moiety (B). In addition, a hydrophobic interaction between phenyl group B and Phe300 of the CYP17 enzyme amino acid residues is observed.

Compd.	Inhibition [%] ^a	IC ₅₀ [μM] ^b	Compd.	Inhibition [%]	IC ₅₀ [μM] ^b
16	53.44	34.2	26	62.52	18,59
17	49.34	nd	27	81.99	2.38
18	55.23	nd	28	78.61	3.29
19	43.34	nd	29	16.27	nd
20	49.21	nd	30	56.23	nd
21	40.02	nd	31	48.37	26.8
22	39.38	nd	32	81.78	2.11
23	8.37	nd	37	83.21	1.29
24	57.10	19.8	38	45.50	24.7
25	78.84	3.11	39	41.34	22.2
ABT ^c	85.38	0.072	40	43.27	nd

Inhibition activity of CYP17 hydroxylase by pregnenolone derivatives.



IC₅₀ = 2.11 μM as inhibitor for CYP 17 hydroxylase

Binding of Steroid 32 with Fe⁺² & amino acids of hydroxylase enzyme



New chalconyl steroids, their pyrazoline and oxime analogues for treatment of prostate cancer



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Molecular Docking Study of the Steroidal pyrazole



New Steroids for treatment of prostate cancer (PC-3 & LNCAP-A1): Synthesis and QSAR





% Cytotoxicity = 79.8% against prostate cancer (PC-3 cell line) = 64.7% against prostate cancer (LNCaP-A1 cell line) < 1% against prostate cell (RWPE1)</p>
A. Farhan, N. A. Abdul-Rida, N. A. Al-Masoudi, W. A. Al-Masoudi, Z. A. Shahab, *Patent, submitted*, 2019



N-(4-(4-((4-(4-Aminophenoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl)phenoxy) phenyl)-3-((5-pregnen-3b,17-diol-15-yl)thio)propan amid

% Cytotoxicity = 96.2% against prostate cancer (PC-3 cell line) = 93.6% against prostate cancer (LNCaP-A1 cell line) = 87.9% against prostate cell (RWPE1)

Optical density of tested NjNA steroids against PC cell lines by MTT assay



At concentrations: 1.0 & 10 μ M, 72 h., N = 3x3

Molecular Docking Study of NjNA-22(14) with Prostate cancer





New Platinum(II) Complexes as Anti-prostate cancer





IC₅₀ = 69.66 μM against breast cancer (MCF-7 cell line)
 = 69.10 μM against prostate cancer (DU-135 cell line)
 = 298.7 μM against healthy breast cell (WRL68)
 IC₅₀ (Doxouribicine) = 80.72 μM against prostate cancer (DU-135 cell line)

A Ruthenium Complexes of Monastrol and its Pyrimidine



Cytotoxicity (CC₅₀) against MT-4 cell lines 0.21 μM

(For treatment of Leukemia)



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Vitrakvi is the New Generation of Anticancer Drug

It is an inhibitor of tropomyosin kinase receptors



Dun, Lauren (27 Nov 2018). <u>"FDA approves a new cancer drug targeted to genetic</u> <u>mutation</u>,

Aspirin Inhibits Colon Cancer Cell and Tumor Growth and Downregulates Specificity Protein (Sp) Transcription Factors

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Abstract

Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin) is highly effective for treating colon cancer patients postdiagnosis; however, the mechanisms of action of aspirin in colon cancer are not well defined. Aspirin and its major metabolite sodium salicylate induced apoptosis and decreased colon cancer cell growth and the sodium salt of aspirin also inhibited tumor growth in an athymic nude mouse xenograft model. Colon cancer cell growth inhibition was accompanied by downregulation of Sp1, Sp3 and Sp4 proteins and decreased expression of Sp-regulated gene products including bd-2, survivin, VEGF, VEGFR1, cyclin D1, c-MET and p65 (NF κ B). Moreover, we also showed by RNA interference that β -catenin, an important target of aspirin in some studies, is an Sp-regulated gene. Aspirin induced nuclear caspase-dependent cleavage of Sp1, Sp3 and Sp4 proteins and this response was related to sequestration of zinc ions since addition of zinc sulfate blocked aspirin-mediated apoptosis and repression of Sp proteins. The results demonstrate an important underlying mechanism of action of aspirin as an anticancer agent and, based on the rapid metabolism of aspirin to salicylate in humans and the high salicylate/aspirin ratios in serum, it is likely that the anticancer activity of aspirin is also due to the salicylate metabolite.

Anti-mitotic Activity of Aspirin compared to anti-mitotic drug Colchicine



W. A. Al-Masoudi, N. A. Al-Masoudi, in preparation, 2019

Table 1. Effect of colchicine and aspirin on cell division

Material/cell division	Colchicine/cell	Aspirin/cell
Undivided cells	740	840
Devided cells	260	160
percentage of undivided cells	74%	84%
percentage of devided cells	26%	16%

Normal Karyotype of bone marrow by using Aspirin





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Cancer Immunotherapy Developments

Enchancing the immune system and make it STRONGER Using drugs that help inhibit the suppresive immune environment of the tumors

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2018 was awarded to <u>James P. Allison</u> and <u>Tasuku Honjo</u>" for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation (Immune checkpoint inhibitors)



Prof. J. P. Allison, Immunology, born 1948, Chair of Immunology at University MD Aderson Cancer Center



Prof. T. Honjo Immunology, born 1942, Univ. of Kyoto, Japan

Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor

•A type of drug that blocks certain proteins made by some types of immune system cells, such as T cells, and some cancer cells. These proteins keep immune responses in check and can keep T cells from killing cancer cells. When these proteins are blocked, the "brakes" on the immune system are released and T cells are able to kill cancer cells better. **Examples of checkpoint proteins found on T cells or cancer** cells include: PD-1 / PD-L1.







Weak Immune System





PD-1 inhibitors: Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) Nivolumab (Opdivo) Cemiplimab (Libtayo)





PD-L1 inhibitors: Atezolizumab (Tecentriq) Avelumab (Bavencio) Durvalumab (Imfinzi)

TYPES OF CANCER VACCINES:



Dendritic Cell Vaccines





Gene Editing in Cancer Therapy (2016) A gene editing techique, called CRISPR / Cas9, works as "find and replace" fuction How the technique works:





A specially designed synthetic quide molecule finds target DNA strand

Enzyme Cancer Therapy

3 PLANT BASED PROTEOLYTIC ENZYMES

BROMELAIN



can be found in pineapple juice & the pineapple stem



can be found in asparagus, buckwheat, Japanese pagoda tree, etc. PAPAIN



can be found in papaya and mountain papaya

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Anti-Cancer Activity of Bromelain Nanoparticles by Oral Administration

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Oral administration of anti-cancer drugs is an effective alternative to improve their efficacy and reduce undesired toxicity. Bromelain (BL) is known as an effective anti-cancer phyto-therapeutic agent, however, its activity is reduced upon oral administration. In addressing the issue, BL was encapsulated in Poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) to formulate nanoparticles (NPs). Further, the NPs were coated with Eudragit L30D polymer to introduce stability against the gastric acidic. The resultant coated NPs were characterized for BL entrapment, proteolytic activity and mean particle size. The stability and release pattern of NPs were evaluated under simulated gastrointestinal tract pH conditions. Cytotoxicity studies carried out in human cell lines of diverse origin have shown significant dose advantage (\sim 7–10 folds) with NPs in reducing the IC₅₀ values compared with free BL. The cellular uptake of NPs in MCF-7, HeLa cells and Caco-2 cell monolayer was significantly enhanced several folds as compared to free BL solution. Altered expression of marker proteins associated with apoptosis and cell death (P53, P21, Bcl2, Bax) also confirmed the enhanced anti-carcinogenic potential of formulated NPs. Oral administration of NPs reduced the tumor burden of Ehrlich ascites carcinoma (EAC) in Swiss albino mice and also increased their life-span (160.0±5.8%) when compared with free BL (24±3.2%). The generation of reactive oxygen species, induction of apoptosis and impaired mitochondrial membrane potential in EAC cells treated with NPs confirmed the suitability of Eudragit coated BL-NPs as a promising candidate for oral chemotherapy.

KEYWORDS: Bromelain, Eudragit, Nanoparticles, Oral Delivery, Apoptosis, Ehrlich's Ascites Carcinoma.









β-Boswellic acid can directly inhibits 5-LOX with a half maximal inhibitory concentration as low as 1.5 μM <u>Safayhi H</u>, et al., <u>Mol Pharmacol.</u> 1995, 47:1212-6.

β-Boswellic acids

Boswellic acids are the effective components of gum resin of *Boswellia* serrata ($\exists b$), which has anti-inflammatory properties. Recent study indicated that β -Boswellic acid, keto- β -boswellic acid, and acetyl-keto- β -boswellic acid (AKBA) have been indicated in apoptosis of cancer cells, in particular brain tumors and cells affected by <u>leukemia</u> or <u>colon cancer</u>

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