

P62. ROLE OF THE KAEMPFEROL ON THE ANTI TUMORAL EFFECTS OF DOXORUBICIN IN HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC)

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Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) is the most common primary malignant tumor of the liver. This cancer heads the list of cancer-related deaths in the world. Doxorubicin (Dox) is anti-tumor drug frequently used in the treatment of various cancers, especially liver cancer. However, Dox has organo toxic effects and is also resistant to many cancer cells including HCC. Therefore; Dox's clinical applications are limited. Kaempferol (Kæmp) as a natural polyphenol component has broad pharmacological activity. Consumption of food with Kæmp reduces the risk of many diseases such as cancer and leads to apoptosis in various cancer cells.

In this study; independent and combined effects of the Kæmp were investigated on the Dox's anti-cancer (cytotoxic and apoptotic) effects in hepatocellular carcinoma cells (Hep-G2). Cytotoxic effects of the Dox, Kæmp and combination were determined by MTT assay. Apoptotic effects were determined by a morphological assay as Acridin Orange/Ethidium Bromide (AO/EB) double staining. As apoptosis markers, changes in enzyme activities of Caspase 3 and Caspase 9 were analysed.

The viability of the Dox-treated Hep-G2 cells was decreased, in a dose- and time-dependent, at 48 hours and the IC₅₀ value was determined to be 0,5 µM. Kæmp's IC₅₀ value was found to be approximately 100 µM at 48 and 72 hours. As compared with Dox, the cytotoxic effect of the Kæmp was observed at approximately 100-fold weaker in Hep-G2 cell lines. As a result of the AO/EB double staining; 100 and 150 µM Kæmp and 0.5 µM Dox caused apoptosis. In combination treated cells early apoptotic cells were observed and when applied Kæmp 150 µM, a significant increase was observed in the number of necrotic cells. In addition, changes in enzyme activation of Caspase 3 and 9 were determined in Hep-G2 cells.