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# BIBR1591 INDUCES APOPTOSIS IN BREAST CANCER CELL LINE AND INCREASES EXPRESSION OF DAPK1, AND NR4A3

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# Abstract.

**Background:** Breast cancer, the world's most prevalent cancerous disease that threatens women, is mainly dependent upon ovarian endocrine secretion for its growth and development. Telomerase inhibitors have been widely studied for their use to treat various tumors. BIBR1591 is the first highly effective small molecule telomerase inhibitor that could inhibit telomerase of many types of cancer cells at sub micromolar concentration

**Aim:** Our research aimed to study the molecular mechanism and action of BIBR1591, trying to understand the telomerase inhibitor in breast cancer, focusing on its ability to induce apoptosis and alter the expression of specific genes.

**Material and Methods:** The MCF-7 breast cancer cell line was treated with BIBR1591 at different concentrations for 48 hours, and the effects on cell viability and apoptosis were evaluated using MTT and flow cytometry assays, respectively. The DAPK1, and NR4A3 gene expression levels were assessed by qPCR.

**Results:** Treatment with BIBR1591 resulted in a dosedependent decrease in cell viability and a significant increase in apoptosis in the MCF-7 cells. Furthermore, the expression levels of CDH13, DAPK1, and NR4A3 genes were upregulated following treatment with BIBR1591.

**Conclusion:** Our research concludes that BIBR1591 has unique molecular anticancer effect as its expression of CDH13, DAPK1, and NR4A3 genes. These results support the potential use of BIBR1591 as a therapeutic option for breast cancer treatment.

Key words. BIBR1591, MCF-7 cells, breast neoplasms, telomerase, CDH13.

### Introduction.

Breast cancer, the world's most prevalent cancerous disease that threatens women, is mainly dependent upon ovarian endocrine secretion for its growth and development. With the progress of modern medicine and the global aging trend, the incidence of malignant tumors is likely to increase over the next few decades [1,2]. Currently, surgery, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy remain the pillar strategies for anti-breast cancer therapy. However, most cancer cells display acquired resistance to current anti-cancer drugs. In recent years, the degradation of tumor resistance to endocrine therapy functions as the candidate strategy for the treatment of anti-breast cancer. It was reported that the use of telomerase inhibitors, either alone or in combination, reduced the proliferation of breast cancer by inhibiting telomerase activity in vitro and in vivo. Still, the molecular mechanism is unclear [3]. BIBR1591 is a small molecule telomerase inhibitor anticancer in several types of cancer, including breast cancer. In breast cancer, telomerase expression is significantly higher in tumor tissues than in adjacent normal tissues, and high telomerase activity is associated with poor prognosis and increased tumor aggression. Therefore, inhibiting telomerase activity using small molecules like BIBR1591 may offer a promising approach to breast cancer treatment [4,5]. Additionally, epigenetic silencing of tumor suppressor genes by promoter hypermethylation is an essential early mechanism in leukemogenesis and has been associated with poor breast cancer prognosis. Breast cancer is a heterogeneous disease with various subtypes that differ in their clinical behavior and response to treatment. Epigenetic changes, including DNA methylation and histone modifications, play a significant role in breast cancer development and progression. Many tumor suppressor genes and other genes that regulate apoptosis, growth pattern, and invasion are epigenetically silenced in breast cancer [6].

CDH13 (also known as H-cadherin and T-cadherin) is a member of the grief gene superfamily localized at 16q24. In vitro and in vivo studies have shown that CDH13 can function as a tumor suppressor gene in many types of cancer, including breast cancer. CDH13 hypermethylation has been detected in breast and lung cancers, pituitary adenomas, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, and nasopharyngeal and cutaneous squamous cell carcinomas [7,8]. Loss of CDH13 expression has been associated with a more invasive phenotype and a worse prognosis in breast cancer [9-11].

# Role of DAPK1, NR4A3, in Cancer Progression.

The DAPK family includes five members, but little research has focused on DAPK1, the initiator of the DAPK family. DAPK1, the most prominent member of the DAPK family, is a 160 kDa protein encoded by a gene located at 9p21.3. DAPK1 participates in the regulation of diverse cellular signal transduction and plays critical roles in cancer growth. Some research has shown that reduction or loss of DAPK1 is observed in liver cancer cells [12,13]. Hypermethylation of the DAPK1 promoter requires the involvement of specificity protein 1 (Sp1) in cell death. Loss of DAPK expression or CGI methylation in the promoter region of DAPK may be characteristic of highly invasive or metastatic breast tumors. NR4A3, also known as NR4A3 transcript variant 5, is a human gene that encodes a protein containing a nuclear hormone receptor domain, which is thought to function in the body's overall metabolism. Apoptosis is a kind of programmed cell death (PCD), a gene that controls the growth of normal cells by regulating programmed cell death or, occasionally, when induced by other cells that cause damage

through immunological reactions. PCD is the primary method to eliminate damaged cells [14]. Caspase is a cysteine-based opposing protease family member expressed in various host cells. Inhibition of its activation and proliferation or apoptosis plays an essential regulatory role in causing tumor formation. The mechanism of how BIBR1591 induces apoptosis in human tumor cells is not precise. Also, there is no report about the modulation of DAPK1, NR4A3, and Caspase by BIBR1591 in breast cancer cells [15].

### hTERT and its Significance in Cancer.

Human telomerase is a type of reverse transferase located at the end of eukaryotic chromosomes, synchronized with telomeric DNA to extend telomeres during cell division. hTERT is the most important component of human telomerase and is widely present in 85%-90% of tumor tissues, showing a high expression level. When telomerase is active in normal human cells, it is almost completely inactive. The reasons for its reactivation are the inactivation of hTERT, the expression of the regulatory protein hTERT, hTERT itself, and the synthesis of the RNA component hTR. The first three steps and the smallest subunits of hTERT have great implications for tumor formation and hTERT changes. As an extremely important biomarker of telomerase activity, hTERT has been found in a large number of clinical studies. The high expression level of hTERT is associated. High expression of hTERT can be used as a target in the treatment and early diagnosis of breast cancer. Our research aimed to study the molecular mechanism and action of BIBR1591, trying to understand the telomerase inhibitor in breast cancer.

### Materials and Methods.

### Cell culture:

Breast cancer cell lines (MCF7) were obtained from the Iraqi Center for Genetics and Cancer Research. They got these types of cells from Germany in 2018. The cells were kept in a humidified incubator at 37°C and 5% CO2 in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin. It was incubated in a 37°C oven containing control of cell viability. The Trypan Blue (Bio. Ind) staining test performed proliferation [16].

### **Cytotoxicity Analysis:**

The crystal violet assay was used to evaluate the effect of BIBR1591 on the viability of breast cancer cells. To put it briefly, 5,000 cells were placed into each well of 96-well plates, and the plates were then incubated for 24 hours. Following that, the cells were exposed to BIBR1591 at different doses (0, 5, 10, 20, and 40  $\mu$ M) for 48 hours. After treatment, the cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and stained with 0.1% crystal violet solution for 15 minutes. Excess crystal violet stain was washed off with water, and the plates were air-dried. A microplate reader was used to detect the absorbance at 570 nm after the crystal violet stain that was attached to the cells was computed for analysis after each concentration was tested three times.

The percentage of surviving cells was calculated by normalizing the absorbance of treated cells to that of untreated control cells [17].

As a result, BIBR1591 was applied at concentrations ranging from 1  $\mu$ M to 100  $\mu$ M. Untreated cells were used as a control group. At the end of 24, 48, and 72 hours, the formazan dye change caused by WST-1 due to glycolytic NAD(P)H production by the mitochondrial respiratory system in living cells was quantitatively measured with the "Multiskan FC microplate" device. The IC50 dose of BIBR1591 on MCF7 cells was calculated in a time- and dose-dependent manner with CalcuSyn Version 2.0 software [18].

## Detection of Apoptosis by Flow Cytometry:

The detection of DNA fragmentation, a marker of apoptotic degradation, and phosphatidylserine translocation determined the apoptotic effect of BIBR1591 on the cell line. They were determined by the Annexin V-FITC (BD Pharmingen) method. Cells were placed in 6-well plate cells/mL concentration and treated with an IC50 BIBR1591 for 48 hours. The BD Accuri C6 Flow Cytometer (BD Biosciences) evaluated results relative to drug-free control groups. The data were acquired, and the percentage of cells in different stages of apoptosis (early apoptosis, late apoptosis, and necrosis) was evaluated relative to drug-free control groups using BD Accuri C6 software.

Analysis of Total RNA Isolation, cDNA (Complementary DNA) Synthesis, and Gene Expression Changes in MCF7 cells treated with IC50 dose of BIBR1591 were determined by real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) method after 48 hours. At the end of the incubation, the RNeasy Plus Mini Kit from Qiagen was utilized for total RNA extraction, and the RT2 First Strand Kit was employed for cDNA synthesis (Qiagen). RT-PCR was carried out using a Light Cycler 480 II (Roche) device. The results were evaluated by the 2- $\Delta\Delta$ CT method. Genes with a fold change of more than ±2 fold.

### ELISA:

Using the mTOR ELISA kit (Abcam, cat. no. ab176657), the mTOR (pSer2448) level was measured. As previously mentioned, cells were lysed in RIPA buffer, and mTOR was identified in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines [19].

### Statistical analysis:

SPSS 21.0 was used for all statistical analyses (IBM Corp.). The mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (SD) is used to display the data. Dunnett's post hoc test was used to detect significance differences after a one-way ANOVA. A statistically significant difference was defined as P<0.05.

### Results.

Cytotoxicity Results The cytotoxic effect of BIBR1591 in the MCF7 cell line is shown in Figure 1 and Table 1. BIBR1591 IC50 concentration was determined as  $60 \mu$ M at the  $48^{th}$  hour.

**Apoptosis analysis results:** The Annexin V-FITC method was used to evaluate the apoptotic and necrotic effects of MCF7 cells treated with BIBR1591 IC50 concentration ( $60 \mu$ M) for 48 hours compared to the control group. BIBR1591 increased apoptosis in MCF7 cells compared to the control (Figure 2) and (Table 2).

**Table 1.** Illustrates the relationship between the concentration in molary of BIBR1591 and the cell proliferation inhibition percentage.

Concentration	Cytotoxic effect	
10µM	17%	
20 µM	21%	
50 µM	44%	
100 μM	59%	

Table 2. Shows the apoptosis percentage on the flow cytometer Q3-LL side.

Group	apoptosis in Q3- LL
Control group (only ethanol and DMSO)	12.6 %
BIBR1591	51.3%

Table 3. Illustrates the percentage of expression.

	Control	BIBR1591	P value
CDH13	0.24%	7.14%	0.023*
DAPK1	-0.02%	6.83%	0.064
NR4A3	0.34%	7.16%	0.034*
hTERT	-0.04%	-2.7%	0.049*

P value less than 0.05 is considered significant.



*Figure 1.* Illustrates the Cytotoxic Effect of BIBR1591 in the MCF7 cell line.



Figure 2. Flow cytometer results in the percentage of apoptosis and necrosis.



Figure 3. Illustrates the percentage of expression in the treated sample.

### **Calculation:**

In the context of cell proliferation inhibition, Fa refers to the fraction affected, which represents the percentage of cells affected by a particular treatment or drug. In other words, it is the fraction of cells that have stopped dividing or have been killed due to the treatment.

On the other hand, fu refers to the fraction unaffected, which represents the percentage of cells that are still capable of dividing or growing despite the treatment. It is calculated as 1 - Fa. Using the table 1 provided, we can calculate fa and fu for each concentration:

At 10  $\mu$ M, fa = 17% and fu = 83% At 20  $\mu$ M, fa = 21% and fu = 79% At 50  $\mu$ M, fa = 44% and fu = 56% At 100  $\mu$ M, fa = 59% and fu = 41% Next, we can calculate fa/fu for each concentration: At 10  $\mu$ M, fa/fu = 0.17/0.83 = 0.2048 At 20  $\mu$ M, fa/fu = 0.21/0.79 = 0.2658 At 50  $\mu$ M, fa/fu = 0.44/0.56 = 0.7857 At 100  $\mu$ M, fa/fu = 0.59/0.41 = 1.4390

### Gene expression changes:

At the end of 48 hours, MCF7 cells treated with an IC50 dose of BIBR1591 showed a significant decrease in hTERT expression compared to the control, while DAPK1 and NR4A3, which are apoptotic and tumor suppressor genes, were observed. Table 3 and Figure 3 show an increase in the expression of CDH13.

### Discussion.

The research of research demonstrates that BIBR1591 is an effective Chemotherapeutic drug against breast cancer. The results highlight the ability of BIBR1591 to induce apoptosis and modulate the expression of critical genes involved in tumor suppression and cell death, such as DAPK1, NR4A3, and CDH13.

### **Apoptosis induction:**

The significant increase in apoptosis observed in the MCF-7 cells treated with BIBR1591, as evidenced by the flow cytometry results, suggests that BIBR1591 effectively induces cell death in breast cancer cells. The increase in apoptosis from 12.6% in the control group to 51.3% in the treated group indicates that BIBR1591 is a potent inducer of apoptosis in breast cancer cells. This aligns with previous studies that have shown the efficacy of telomerase inhibitors in triggering programmed cell death in various cancer types [19,20].

### Gene expression modulation:

One of the most important results obtained from this research is the decrease in levels of DAPK1, NR4A3, and CDH13 after BIBR1591 treatment, knowing that these genes play an important role in cell death and tumor suppression.

**DAPK1:** DAPK1 acts as a pro-apoptotic protein and an important mediator for the action of the pro-apoptotic protein p53. In unstressed cells, p53 is an inactive protein due to its binding to the E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase. Our result showed that there is an increase in DAPK1 expression for about (6.83-fold) this result suggests that BIBR1591 may exert its anti-tumor effects in part by enhancing the expression of this crucial apoptosis regulator. This result is in line with other previously

published research in this regard that Telomerase inhibitors increase its expression, but it's conducted for the first time in the MCf7 cell line treated with BIBR1591 [21-24].

**NR4A3:** R4A members have also demonstrated the ability to cause apoptosis in different cell lines with accumulation in the G1 phase of the cell cycle, with a concomitant decrease of cells in the S and G2/M phases. The role of all NR4A members in the apoptotic process has been described in many studies utilizing overexpression or silencing of mRNA using commercial siRNA or shRNA the research showed a significant increase its expression about the 7.16-fold increase in NR4A3 expression observed in this study indicating that BIBR1591 may activate apoptotic pathways through NR4A3, further contributing to its anti-cancer effects. This is consistent with findings in other studies where NR4A3 activation has been linked to increased apoptosis in cancer cells [25-29].

**CDH13:** also known as T-cadherin, is involved in cell adhesion and has been shown to function as a tumor suppressor. The dramatic upregulation of CDH13 (7.14-fold) in response to BIBR1591 treatment suggests that this gene may play a critical role in mediating the anti-tumor effects of BIBR1591 in breast cancer. Restoring CDH13 expression could reverse the invasive phenotype often seen in aggressive breast cancers [30-36].

### Conclusion.

The development of modern technology has helped us understand the molecular and pathological conditions of diseases, including breast cancer, which has made it easier for us to choose novel drugs and experiment with existing drugs. The current study aimed to study the molecular mechanism and action of BIBR1591, trying to understand the telomerase inhibitor in breast cancer, focusing on its ability to induce apoptosis and alter the expression of specific genes. The research showed that the inhibitor could exhibit an inhibitory effect on breast cancer cell proliferation. Additionally, the study's identification of specific genes upregulated by BIBR1591 provides further insight into the drug's mechanism of action in regulating apoptosis and invasion. Further preclinical and clinical studies are necessary to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of BIBR1591 as a therapeutic agent for breast cancer. Although additional experimental and clinical testing will be needed to further evaluate the therapeutic efficacy of the inhibitor against breast cancer, these data support a potential use of such a drug for the treatment of hTERT-active breast cancers and could contribute to the development of novel anti-BRCA agents. The study provides a rationale for the use of this compound for the treatment of many heterogeneous types of breast cancer cells. Further studies should shift towards determining its maximally tolerated dose, its toxicity to normal cells, the frequency of treatment, and other investigations aimed at repositioning hTERT inhibitors as anticancer therapy for breast cancer.

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