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## Proteoglycans extracted from shark cartilage (*Echinorhinus brucus*) inhibits proliferation of MCF-7 human breast cancer cells by inducing apoptosis

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Proteoglycans were extracted from deep sea shark *Echinorhinus brucus* cartilage and their anti-proliferative activity against MCF-7 cell lines was evaluated. Cytotoxicity effect was determined by assessing the cytotoxic effect of the proteoglycans by MTT assay (3-(4, 5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2, 5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide). The following assays were carried out to find out apoptosis mechanism was the cause for cytotoxicity, the concentration of caspases 3 and 9, double fluorescent staining with acridine orange/ethidium bromide and DNA laddering assay. Gene expression assay for BAX, BCL-2 and p53 has been done to find out the expression of mentioned genes products to confirm apoptosis pathway. Different concentrations such as 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 µg/ml were used for assessing anti-proliferative effect. Significant cytotoxic effect of 75% cell death was observed for 100 µg/ml treated sample. Significant raise in activity of caspase 3 and 9 was found for 100 µg/ml treated sample i.e., 3.92 and 4.35 (expression fold compared with control as 1) respectively. DNA laddering effect was also observed for the 100 µg/ml treated sample. Maximum cell death determined by double fluorescent staining was observed for 100 µg/ml treated sample. A significant raise in the fold expression was observed for BCL-2 and p53 of 4.5 and 3.55 respectively (band intensity was expressed as relative absorbance unit); whereas, low BAX expression of 0.42 was noticed for 100 µg/ml treated sample. Significant anti-proliferative effect was observed for optimal concentration of 100 µg/ml treated sample and mechanism behind cell death was found to be apoptosis as inferred from the above results.

### Biography

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