

## Study of noscapine-induced cell death in hepatocellular carcinoma cell line

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### Abstract

Current therapies for cancer treatment are often limited by the emergence of drug resistance and side effects. There is much interest in the identification of new agents for cancer chemotherapy. Noscapine is an isoquinoline alkaloid found in opium. It is not sedative and has been used as antitussive drug in different countries. Recently, noscapine has been introduced as an anti-mitotic agent. In this study cytotoxic effect of noscapine was evaluated in hepatocellular carcinoma cell line (HepG2). Meanwhile role of apoptosis was explored. Hep-G2 and non-malignant cells (L929) were cultured in RPMI medium and incubated with different concentrations of noscapine (3, 10, 20 µM) for 24, 48 and 72 h. Paclitaxel used as a positive control. Cell viability was quantitated by MTT assay. Apoptotic cells were determined using Annexine-V/PI staining method. The results showed noscapine could decrease cell viability in Hep-G2 cells as a concentration and time-dependent manner. The IC50 value against Hep-G2 was determined 10 µM after 48 h. Apoptosis was involved in the cytotoxic effect of noscapine. Thus, apoptosis is involved in noscapine-induced cytotoxicity in Hep-G2 cell line. Noscapine could be considered as a potential chemotherapeutic agent in hepatocellular carcinoma in future.

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