

## عنوان مقاله:

Metformin synergistically increases the anticancer effects of lapatinib through induction of apoptosis and modulation of Akt/AMPK pathway in SK-BR<sup>3</sup> breast cancer cell line

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## خلاصه مقاله:

Objective(s): Combination chemotherapy is a beneficial intervention for breast cancer, versus single therapy. We investigated the effect of Metformin (Met) on Lapatinib (Lap)-induced apoptosis in SK-BR<sup>3</sup> cells. Materials and Methods: Toxic effect of Met and Lap on SK-BR<sup>3</sup> cells was measured using MTT assay. Flow cytometry was used to measure the co-treatment effect of Met on lapatinib-induced apoptosis. The relative expression of Bax, Bcl<sub>2</sub>, and P<sub>21</sub> was measured using a real-time PCR. The activity of caspase 3 and 9 was measured using an ELISA kit. The protein level of AMPK and Akt was determined using Western blot analysis. Results: Metformin and lapatinib alone and combined form showed significant time- and dose-dependent toxic effects on SK-BR<sup>3</sup> cell viability. The greatest synergistic inhibitory effect on the cell viability [combination index (CI) = 0.51] was remarkable at Met 100 mM combined with Lap 100 nM. The combination has a stronger apoptotic death (46%) versus lapatinib alone. The combination considerably increased the mRNA expression of Bax and P<sub>21</sub>, and caspase 3 and 9 activity, while, decreasing the mRNA expression of Bcl<sub>2</sub>. Additionally, the combination significantly up-regulated and down-regulated the protein levels of AMPK and Akt, respectively. Conclusion: The metformin-lapatinib combination can induce more potent apoptotic death versus each compound individually. The combination may be suggested as a valuable therapeutic

intervention in patients with breast cancer. However, additional in vivo studies are necessary to evaluate the clinical .use of the combination for induction of apoptosis and its antitumor effects

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