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Detection of IL1 β Gene in Sudanese Patients with Gliomas Tumor in Khartoum state, Sudan

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Abstract

Introduction: Gliomas are the most prevalent type of primary intracranial tumors, representing 80% of all brain neoplasms. In Sudan Brain tumors have been as leading cause of mortality among children and as third causative death among young adults. World Health Organization (WHO) classification 2021, categorized gliomas into lower-grades gliomas (LGG, grades II and III) and glioblastoma (GBM, grade IV). Gliomas are surrounded by pool of pro inflammatory cytokines, chemokine and growth factor, particularly review the tumorigenic effects of central nervous system one of this inflammatory cytokines is Interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β) which play a crucial role in gliomas pathophysiology.

Aims of the study: This study aimed to amplify IL-1 β gene and detect -5511, rs371339015 and rs376341819 SNPs in glioma subtypes among Sudanese patients using PCR and Sanger sequencing.

Material and methods: The study was conducted at the National Center for Neurological Sciences during the period from May to September 2022, Khartoum Sudan. From all gliomas patients during the above mentioned period, tissue samples were collected and processed for DNA extraction, PCR and further Sanger sequencing

Results: In this study, the most common affected age group was 31- 40 years, supratentorial location was seen in more than half of the patients and the astrocytoma grade 1 was detected in 80.9%.

In astrocytoma grades I, the most frequent mutation was C > A in 28.7% and A > C in 19%.

C > T mutation was present in glioma grade I, II and III.

Conclusions: In this study, C > T was the most encountered mutation in astrocytoma grades.

Key words: Interleukin-1 β , DNA, PCR

INTRODUCTION:

Gliomas are the most prevalent type of primary intracranial tumors, representing 80% of all brain neoplasms. Internationally Approximately 1,000,000 new patients are diagnosed with gliomas. Although gliomas constitute less than 2% of all new cases of diagnosed cancers, these are often associated with substantial mortality rates in patients.³

More than 250 000 new cases of primary malignant brain tumors are diagnosed annually worldwide, 77% of which gliomas are more common. Little is known about the etiology of brain neoplasm which is usually in curable, Gliomas account for >70% of all primary brain tumors, the most common (65%) and most malignant type are gliomas, but no underlying cause has been identified for the majority of primary brain tumors, the only established risk factor being exposure to ionizing radiation⁴.

Gliomas is more common localized in the supratentorial compartment, the rest location of glioma in the brainstem and cerebellum. Macroscopically gliomas are quite heterogeneous featuring multifocal hemorrhage, necrosis, cystic and gelatinous areas⁵. The main types of gliomas are: astrocytoma, oligodendrogliomas and pilocytic astrocytoma⁶. reported that, gliomas cells without self-renewal capability in standard conditions could also contribute to gliomas malignancy when cytokines, such as IL-1 β and TGF- β , are present in the tumor environment.

Interleukin-1 β gene is a major pro-inflammatory cytokine that triggers a number of malignant processes by activating various cells to up-regulate key molecules that drive oncogenic events. Elevated levels of IL-1 β were observed in a panel of GBM cell lines, including CCF3 and U87MG, and in human GBM tumour specimens⁷. Significant association of the IL-1B -511C/T polymorphism with cancer was detected in IL-1 β -511T allele showed liability include increased cervical

cancer risk, established a protective role in the development of hepatocellular carcinoma and also observed improved blood cancers ^{8,9}.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

This was cross sectional study, done at the National Center for Neurological Sciences, Khartoum Sudan during the period from May to September 2022. This study included 21 glioma patients operated at the National Center of Neurological Sciences during the period of this study. The diagnosis was confirmed radiologically and histologically as having gliomas, all tissue samples were classified according to WHO guidelines (2017 of Central Nerves System). The tissue sample were taken in sterile containers, and then processed for DNA extraction and Sanger sequencing.

The clinical and demographic data were analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 16, frequencies and cross tabulations were obtained by using descriptive statistical methods. The sequencing data was analyzed using different bioinformatics programs and online databases (BioEdit, NCBI, Ensemble and Mutation Taster). BioEdit program was used for sequence multiple alignments, the reference sequence of IL1 β gene was retrieved from NCBI and Ensemble databases.

The ethical approval was obtained from the National Center for Neurological Sciences; personal data were collected from database office at NCNS by using standardized non self-questionnaire as well as hospital and medical record.

DNA extraction

Genomic DNA was extracted according to guanidine chloride method. Each tumor tissue was minced using surgical blade into small pieces, then incubated in a mixture of 20 μ L of proteinase K, 100 μ L of 10% SDS, and 800 μ L of STE buffer, then the tubes were incubated at 65°C overnight. After incubation, protein was precipitated by adding 6 M sodium chloride, after this step, the tubes were placed in the refrigerator at 4°C for 15 minutes and then centrifuged at 18000 rpm for 20 minutes, following this step, 500 μ L of the supernatant was transferred to a new clean and dry eppendorf tube. After that, 350 μ L of 8M of guanidine chloride and 150 μ L of 0.49 M ammonium acetate were added and then incubated at room temperature for 90 minutes, after incubation, 500 μ L from pre-chilled chloroform was added, and then the tubes were centrifuged at 12000 rpm for 5 minutes. After centrifugation, the upper layer which contains DNA was transferred to new clean tube, and then 800 μ L of chilled ethanol was added, the tubes were incubated at -20°C for overnight to precipitate DNA. The next day the tubes were centrifuged at 12000 rpm for 5 minutes. The supernatant was discarded and washed with 400 μ L of 70% ethanol, vortex and centrifuged at 7000 rpm for 5 minutes, then the supernatant was poured off and the pellet was allowed to dry by air. Finally, 50 μ L of deionized water was added to elute DNA. The extraction step was followed by PCR, which was performed to amplify the target sequences of IL1 β gene using 5'-CCCTTTCCTCTCTGAGC-3' forward and 5'-GCCTTCTTTGTTTGTCTC-3' reverse primers

PCR and Sanger Sequencing

The polymerase chain reaction was used to amplify the specific segment of IL1 β (434 bp). For each 2 μ L of DNA, 4 μ L PCR master mix, 1.5 μ L from each primer, 0.2 μ L magnesium chloride, 0.2 μ L taq polymerase and 14 μ L distilled water were added, and then PCR reaction was initiated by denaturation step at 95°C for 10 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 95°C for 30 seconds, 58°C for 30 seconds, 72°C for 1.5 min and final elongation step at 72°C for 7 minutes.

The PCR products were then separated in 2.5% agarose gel electrophoresis and visualized under UV light. Furthermore, five PCR products (10 reactions) were sent to MacroGen Europe Company (Amsterdam 1105 BA) for Sanger sequencing.

RESULTS

Demographic results

In this study, the distribution of gender showed that, male were 13 constituted 61.9 % and female were 9 constituted 38.1%, (Table : 1). The most common age group was ranging from 31- 40 years (28.5%), followed by age group 21-30 years in 23.6%, while the age group >60 years was detected in 4.67%, P-value of goodness of fit test =0.000 (Table: 1).

Regarding the tumor site, supratentorial was detected in 57.1%, intratentorial in 42.6% (Table: 2).

Subtypes results

The distribution of gliomas subtype showed that, Astrocytoma was detected in 81.0% of the patients, followed by GBM in 14.2%. (Table: 2).

In this study, Astrocytoma grade I was detected in 57.1% of the patients followed by Astrocytoma grade II and III (14.3% each) (Table: 2).

The distribution of astrocytoma was found higher in male, pilocytic astrocytoma present only in female, (Table: 2).

Table 1: the frequency of gender and age groups in gliomas patients

Demographic result		Frequency	Percent
Gender	Male	11	52.4
	Female	10	47.6
	Total	21	100.0
Age groups in gliomas	<10	2	9.5
	11-20	3	14.3
	21-30	5	23.8
	31-40	6	28.6
	51-60	4	19.0
	>60	1	4.8
	Total	21	100.0

Table 2: the frequency of tumor site, gliomas subtypes and grades in gliomas patients

Clinical result		Frequency	Percent
Tumors site	Supratentorial	12	57.1
	Intratentorial	9	42.9
	Total	21	100.0
Gliomas subtype	Astrocytoma	17	81.0
	Pilocytic astrocytoma	1	4.8
	GBM	3	14.3
	Total	21	100.0
Gliomas grades	astrocytoma I	12	57.1
	astrocytoma II	3	14.3
	astrocytoma III	3	14.3
	IV	3	14.3
	Total	21	100.0

Molecular results

In this study, positive PCR results and sequence alignment were displayed in figures 1 and 2, and distributions of IL-1 β gene mutations in gliomas were displayed in table 3.

Cross tabulation between gliomas subtypes and mutations showed that, C>T was detected in 42% of astrocytoma followed by A>C in 19%, deletion C in 14% and

G>A in 4.7%. In this study Pilocytic astrocytoma revealed only one mutation G>A in 4.7%, T>G was detected only in GBM 14.2%, (Table: 4). In astrocytoma grades I the most common mutation was C>A in 28.7% followed by A>C in 19%. C>T mutation was detected in all types of astrocytoma grades (I, II and III), while grades IV (GBM) revealed only one mutations T>G (Table: 5).



Figure 1: show 434 bp of IL1 β gene detected with gel electrophoresis



Figure 2: shows multiple sequence alignment using Bio-Edit.

Table 3: Distribution of IL-1 β gene mutations in gliomas

Mutation	Frequency	Percent
C > T	9	42.9
Deletion C	3	14.3
G > A	2	9.5
T > G	3	14.3
A > C	4	19.0
Total	21	100.0

Table 4: cross tabulation between glioma subtypes and mutations result

		Distribution of the Mutation					Total
		C > T	Deletion C	G > A	T > G	A > C	
Distribution of Gliomas subtype	Astrocytoma	9	3	1	0	4	17
	Pilocytic astrocytoma	0	0	1	0	0	1
	GBM	0	0	0	3	0	3
Total		9	3	2	3	4	21

Table 5: cross tabulation between astrocytoma grades and mutations

		Distribution of the Mutation					Total
		C > T	Deletion C	G > A	T > G	A > C	
Distribution of Gliomas grades	astrocytoma I	6	2	0	0	4	12
	astrocytoma II	2	1	0	0	0	3
	astrocytoma III	1	0	2	0	0	3
	IV	0	0	0	3	0	3
Total		9	3	2	3	4	21

DISCUSSION

Populations based studies consistently demonstrate that incidence of gliomas varies significantly by sex, and most gliomas histology occur with a 30–50% higher incidence in males, and this male preponderance of glial tumors increases with age in adult gliomas¹⁰. In addition to this, several studies have attempted to estimate the influence of lifetime estrogen and progestogen exposure on gliomas risk in women. Of these one concluded that, male predominance in incidence occurs broadly across multiple cancer types and is also evident in cancers that occur in pre-pubertal children and in post-menopausal adults¹¹.

It is known that, the hormonal factors play important role in the increase the incidence of gliomas is present about 1.5 times greater in men than women. In the United States the male excess of gliomas deceptive even during childhood and adolescence rises with age, And the persistence of sex difference across the ethnic groups and in international comparisons suggests that intrinsic rather than environmental factors that differ in men and women, protective effect of female hormone to deleterious effect mediated by male hormones. In the present study, our finding that males were more affected by gliomas than females. Moreover, Gliomas can occur at any age, with different incidence and grading at several ages the lowgrade gliomas present in the mostcommon brain tumor in children, while the high grade gliomas morecommon in the adults¹². In this current study, which agree with the fact that Cancer incidence generally increases with age, regarded as important factor related to the prognosis of gliomas patient.

Brain tumor represent in the regions of the world in Central and South America at different countries with incidence and mortality was prominent in Brazil, Colombia, Cuba and Uruguay than in the remaining countries¹³. and this highlight the distribution of gliomas among these countries, our results in this current study, dente the distributions of gliomas among different Sudanese states, despite most of our patients are coming from the capital of Sudan, however, big data may be needed for analysis. Gliomas is found in the supratentorial areas of the brain (cerebral hemispheres and midline structures above the tentorium) were most frequent in adult, while subtentorial (brainstem and cerebellum) tumors were more common in young children than in adolescents and adult¹⁴. On this current study most of the tumors were located in the supratentorial site of the brain.

The World Health Organization guideline for classifying malignant gliomas were based on histologic feature and more subtypes are classified according to grades and molecular characteristics, in which several morphologic subtypes corresponded to the general appearance of the tissue origin:

astrocytoma, oligodendroglioma and mixed oligodendroglioma.

On histologic a criterion WHO grades I and II gliomas are recognized as low- grade gliomas and III and IV are considered high grade gliomas in individual¹⁵. On this current study which shown the most frequent sub type of gliomas is astrocytoma and grade I. Moreover, the mechanism of IL-1 β secretion can be might by several pathways like primary cellsof cell lines, and cell types (macrophage, fibroblast, neutrophils); activation that induced cell death¹⁶.

Interleukin-1 beta was released through the vesicles or membrane permeability, Pro-IL-1 β and

IL-1 β are localized in the cytoplasm and a fraction is sequestered in vesicles identified as endosomes/ lysosome through unidentified mechanism, part of lysosomal IL-1 β is targeted for degradation, while a fraction is saved for further exocytosis and secretion through fusion with the plasma membrane¹⁷. Interleukin-1 beta play vital role for autophagosomes fuse with lysosomes to proteolytically degrade their content. In this context it has been reported that IL-1 β can localize between the two layers of autophagosomes,¹⁸. Autophagosomes also fuse with IL-1 β containing endosomes to undergo exocytosis and IL-1 β release out of cell, lysosome for degradations of their content with plasma membrane to form and release exosomes,¹⁹. The most important enzyme involved in IL-1 β maturation remains caspase-1 is the most proteases that can fully activate IL-1 β , caspase-1 activation occurs via employment to multi protein complex called inflammasome the intracellular composed of receptor and adapter²⁰. Interleukin-1 beta has been shown play a role in unregulated in many solid tumors including melanoma, in melanoma keratinocyte secrete IL-1 β ,²¹. In Colon Cancer the high amount of IL-1 β and IL-1 α were detected in murine adenomatous polyposis, colon cancer model by using the disruption of IL-1R1 on different cell type due to Autophagosomes process,²².

in lung cancer IL-1 β , was shown to promote carcinoma by repressing miR-101 expression through a cyclooxygenase 2 (COX2)/HIF1 pathway²³. In Breast Cancer IL-1 is up regulated in breast neoplasm initiation and development²⁴. while IL-1R and IL-1 β variations have also been related to breast tumorigenesis²⁵.

Furthermore, in the response of gliomas IL-1 β is produced and secreted by different cell types like the immune cells, fibroblasts, or cancer cells. However the mechanisms of IL-1 β production most widely in immune cells particularly in myeloid cells such as macrophages²⁶. The production of IL-1 β requires two signals specifically priming and cleavage²⁷. Priming resembles to the transcription of IL-1 β gene, and induced mainly by activation of the toll-like- receptors (TLRs),

namely lipopolysaccharides. TLRs and IL-1receptor 1(IL-1R1) adaptor protein and differentiation primary response,²⁸

The intracellular domain which go to activates interleukin-1 receptor associated kinase and the tissue necrotic factor receptors (TNFR) associated factor 6 (TRAF6) Pathway, TNFR workers TNFR1 associated death domains (TRADD) which activate the TRAF2\5 and receptor interacting protein 1 (RIP1) Pathway, All these signal cascades able to activate a nuclear factor kappa light chain which is enhancer activate B-cells (NF-Kb). Hypoxia is important event within the tumor; because the hypoxia induced factor -1 (HIF1) was shown to regulate IL-1 β transcription.

Finally single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in IL-1 β gene or promoter can affect IL-1 β transcription by inhibiting the fixation of transcription factor described above by allowing the fixation of repressor factor. After the transcription/translation the pro- IL-1 β is produced as an inactive 31kDa protein that need to be cleaved into 17kDa IL-1 β to become active.²⁹ Polymorphisms on the IL-1 β gene can be associated with variation in IL-1 β expression for

example IL-1 β -511 C > T (rs16944),³⁰ IL-1 β -31 C > T (rs1143627) associate with cervical and gastric cancer.³¹ IL-1 β -1464 G > C (rs114623) associate with renal carcinoma.³² In Lung Cancer The level of IL-1 β in bronchoalveolar lavage is higher in patients with lung cancer than in patients with benign lung disease. IL-1 β was shown to promote carcinoma by repressing miR-101 expression through a cyclooxygenase 2 (COX2)/HIF1 α pathway.³³

Ovarian cancer cells communicate with cancer-associated fibroblasts (CAFs) through IL-1 β to downregulate p53 expression in these cells to generate a pro-tumorigenic inflammatory microenvironment.³⁴ In Prostate Cancer High-score values for IL-1 β or low-score values for interferon (IFN) β (both measured by immunohistochemistry (IHC)) were significantly associated with biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer.³⁵ In BRCA1 (breast cancer 1) 185delAG mutation in ovarian epithelial cells allows IL-1 β expression.³⁶ For IL-1 β -1464 G > C (rs1143623), the G allele has decreased binding ability, suggesting weaker promoter activity.³⁷

In our results present the deletion C, C > T, G > T, T > G and A > C effect protein. See the effect of protein in inflammatory response.

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