A New Alternative Medicine can cause Selective Cell Death in Cancer Cells

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Introduction:
Do they not look at the camels, how they are created?

The saheeh hadeeth says that some people came to Madinah then fell sick with huge abdomens. The Prophet (peace be upon him) told them to drink the milk and urine of camels, they recovered and grew fat. Narrated by Al-Bukhaari (2855) and Muslim (1671). With regard to the health benefits of drinking the milk and urine of camels, they are many, well known to the earlier generations of medical science and they have been proven by modern scientific researches.

Swollen Abdomen may indicate oedema and liver disease (jaundice) or cancer, and thin bodies demonstrated the extreme weakness, which often accompanies with
This was a beginning of long and arduous way, but it is full of light, and prosperity from Allah. We thank God and appreciated to every one who contributed money or effort or advice to this work.

**Ethical Approval:**

The research approved from the ethics committee of scientific research, King Abdul Aziz University at:

- 2/3/2005 to apply to the cells and animal models.
- 1/16/2008 to apply to human- healthy.
- 28/10/2009 to apply to human-patients.

**Funds & Prizes:**

- The research studied the effect of substrate from the prophet medicine (camels urine), which coded as PM701.
- The actual work started of about 2004, then the research funded by KAU for 5 times with (014/425 two phases); (001/427 two phases); (02n/427 one phase).
- The research obtained 1st Position in Al-Ibtikar exhibition of Saudi Arabia Inventors at Ibtikar 2008.
- The research funded by ALZAMEL as a Scientific Chair no "429/3/KBM" at 20/6/2008.
- ITEX GOLD Medal at the 20th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition ITEX 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, held from 15th - 17th May 2009.
- Awarded the ASIA CUP 2009 FINALIST at the 20th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition ITEX 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia held from 15th - 17th May 2009.
- Honor Award from Prince Mishaal bin Abdul Aziz in 30/1/2010.

**Patents:**

- Patent recorded in GCC no.9962 at 16/1/2008.
**Summary:**

Camel urine or PM 701 was clean, sterile and free from toxicity when it was studied by our team work. We used PM 701 as anticancer agent. The work was conducted as in vitro, in vivo, preclinical and clinical studies. The study used the technique of tissue culture of human lung cancer cells and mice leukemia cells, which were compared to with normal human skin fibroblasts in studying the effect of PM 701. This proved that our agent could induce apoptosis of the cancer cells without affecting the normal cells. The in vivo studies tested the effect of PM 701 in treating MFI mice, which were inoculated with L1210 cells. The result of in vivo is satisfactory as in vitro, where the life span and the survival of animals improved. The histopathology studies revealed disappearance of malignant tumors in the organs of treated animals or at least a decrease the in the degree of metastasis. So PM 701 showed promising results as anticancer agent in cancer induced animal model. For enhancing the utility and convenience of application of PM701, liquid PM701 was lyophilized to reach a solid form. Then the solid form was fractionated to obtain the bioactive fraction(s), which were more readily acceptable to humans. During these steps, we monitored the activity of the different fractions using the different tests subjected previously on the crude PM 701, such as in vitro and in vivo tests. The fraction, which was coded PMF (150mg/g of the lyophilized PM701) was able to significantly inhibit the proliferation of cancer cells without affecting the normal cells at cell culture levels. So PMF is the ideal selective cytotoxic agent whereas the other fractions are less effective or non-selective. On further fractionation, PMF was subfractionated to seven parts in order to isolate the most effective cytotoxic constituents of this bio-active fraction. Our studies identified that the subfraction PMFK was the most cytotoxic constituents. PMF and PMFK had been examined and showed successful results in preventing the growth of cultivated cancer cells for different carcinogenic cell lines as in the liver, colon, brain and breast in addition to the lung and leukemia.

The pharmacological and toxicological studies were done on formulated PM701 and PMF on animal models. These experiments proved their safety as indicated by the high value of MTD on animal models and also by its safety effect on vital organs of animal models through histopathological studies carried out using light and electron microcopies.

The clinical trail on human indicated that the application on healthy volunteers using the capsules and syrup containing PMF did not appear to
have any harmful side effects. Whereas the size of the tumor was reduced 50% in a third degree patient volunteer with lung cancer, after use of medication for only one month, reduced 80% after two months and there is no active cells after 9 months. In other patient (pancreatic cancer without any other treatment) the biomarker (CA99) reduced from 9600 to 2500 after only three weeks. In another metastatic patient, the biomarker (CEA) reduced from 294 to 194 in two weeks and the tumor in liver reduced 2mm. The treatments are still ongoing for all these patients.

**Publications:**

8. Khorshid FA. Osman AA. Abdulsattar E. Cytotoxicity of Bioactive fractions from PM 701. EJEAFChe, 8 (11), 2009. [1091-1098].
**Culture Cell (in vitro)**

Treated cancer cells A549 after 24 h (a) with PM 701, note the damage of cells as compared with non-treated cells (b).

EM showed the apoptosis, as shown by chromatin condensation and membrane blabbing in treated cells with PM701

**Animal experiments (in vivo)**

Orthotropic surgery of Rat with human melanoma tissues showed subcutaneous swelling mass in the right inguinal region of the rat after one year of transplantation. Note the removal mass in left lower picture.
Our products under investigation which must be used under medical observation

Manufactured after the adoption of Al-Zamil Chair for cancer research – No MBK/3/429 in 20 / 6 / 2008 for a period of three years.

**Ointment**: is used for burns caused by radiotherapy and the majority of skin diseases and eczema.

**Lotion**: is used for burns caused by radiotherapy and the majority of skin diseases and eczema.
**Capsules:** are under test for carcinogenic diseases and each capsule contain 300 mg of active substance PMF.

**Syrup:** is under test for carcinogenic diseases and each tea spoonful (5ml) contain 1000 mg of active substance PMF.