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The present study was conducted to investigate the expression of the novel anti-apoptotic protein survivin and its association with tumour cell apoptosis in 93 archival salivary gland neoplasms (23 benign and 70 malignant neoplasms). Five normal serous and mucous glandular tissues were used as a control group. Specimens were subjected to immunohistochemical staining by anti-survivin monoclonal antibody using Biotin-Strept Avidin detection system. Thirty specimens of malignant tumours were used for histochemical assessment of apoptosis by TUNEL technique.

Quantification of survivin positivity was performed using image analyzer computer system and then evaluated in the form of total score which was graded as follows: scores 1&2 indicated mild expression, scores 3&4 indicated moderate expression and scores 5&6 indicated strong expression. The TUNEL positive apoptotic cells were detected by light microscope and were quantified using the image analyzer for the assessment of the apoptotic index. Significant inverse correlation was found between survivin immunoexpression and apoptotic index in the control group and malignant salivary gland tumours.

The results showed predominant cytoplasmic survivin positivity in 11/23(47%) benign and in 61/70(87%) malignant salivary neoplasms. However, 13/72(18%) tumours showed both nuclear and cytoplasmic survivin positivity. Normal salivary tissues were negative for survivin immunostain. Survivin immunoexpression showed significant increase from benign to malignant salivary tumours and from low grade to high grade malignant tumours. Survivin expression correlated with histopathologic malignancy grade in salivary cancers.

Key words: survivin, salivary gland tumours, TUNEL, apoptosis, apoptotic index.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Names
bcl-2	B-cell follicular lymphoma/leukemia-2
TNF	Tumour necrosis factor
IAP	Inhibitor of apoptosis family of proteins
kDa	Kilodalton
Kb	Kilobasepair
TNFR	Tumour necrosis factor receptor
TRADD	Tumour necrosis factor receptor associated with death domain
FADD	Fas associated protein with death domain
Apaf-1	Pro-apoptotic protease activator factor
Smac/DIABLO	Second mitochondrial activator of caspases/Direct IAP- binding protein
IL2	Interleukin 2
VDAC	Voltage dependent anion channel (porin)
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
DISC	Death-inducing signaling complex
TGF-β	Transforming growth factor- β
HSPs	Heat chock proteins
UV	Ultraviolet radiation
TUNEL	Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase mediated dUTP nick end labeling.
TdT	Terminal deoxynucleotidyl Transferase
dUTP	Deoxyuridine triphosphate nucleotides
BIRC5	Baculoviral IAP repeat containing protein 5
BIR	Baculoviral IAP repeat
ERP-1	Effector cell protease receptor-1
cDNA	Complementary DNA
siRNA	Small interfering RNA
CPPs	Chromosomal passenger proteins
Thr34	Threonin 34
VEGF	Vascular endothelial growth factor
HER2	CerbB2
INK4	cyclinD/CDK4&cyclinD/CDK6 inhibitors; p15, p16, p18&p19
WAF1/Kip1 family	p21, p27&p57 cyclin dependent kinase inhibitors
Cdk,cdc	Cyclin dependent kinas
mdm2	Murine double minute clone 2
IHC	Immunohistochemistry.
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate.

Abbreviations	Words
pRb	Retinoblastoma protein
HLA	Human leukocyte antigen
RT-PCR	Reversae transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction
ER/PgR	Estrogen/progestron receptor status
ELIZA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
dsRNA	Double stranded RNA
dsDNA	Double stranded DNA
ssDNA	Single stranded DNA
CTLs	Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes CD8 <sup>+</sup>
PBMC	Peripheral blood mononuclear cells
ISEL	In situ 3 <sup>'</sup> -end labeling method
ISET	In situ neck translation
AI	Apoptotic index
MTT assay	methyl thiazolyl tetrazolium assay
PCNA	Proliferating cell nuclear antigen
BTCC	Bladder transitional cell carcinoma
OSCC	Oral squamous cell carcinoma
НСС	Hepatocellular carcinoma
NSCLC	Non small cell lung cancer
MVD	Microvessel density
DCIS	Ductal carcinoma in situ
NB	Neuroblastoma
LI	Labeling index
WHO	World Health Organization
DAB	3,3-diaminobenzidine tetra hydrochloride
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline.
HRP	Horseradish peroxidase
PA	Pleomorphic adenoma
MEC	Mucoepidermoid carcinoma
ACC	Adenoid cystic carcinoma
CEPA	Carcinoma ex-pleomorphic adenoma
NOS	not otherwise specified
PLGA	Polymorphous low grade adenocarcinoma
ANOVA	One way analysis of variance test.
TMA	Tissue microarray
B-SA	Super sensitive improved Biotin Strept Avidin amplified
	System.
Ab	Antibody