

Influence of alcohol consumption and duration in the DNA repair genes polymorphisms (*XRCC1* and *APE1*)

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ABSTRACT

The gene- environment interaction has a major role in disease incidence and health problems, the current study aims to detect the human gene polymorphisms of X-ray Repair Cross-Complementing Group 1(*XRCC1*) *Arg399Gln* (rs25487) and Apurinic/Apyrimidinic (AP) endonuclease enzyme (*APE1*) (rs1130409) in alcoholism, alcohol consumption and duration in some Iraqi cases that have three levels of alcohol concentration (sub groups <50, 50-100 and >100 mg/ dl), the results show that the age and BMI were non-significant changes, duration and alcohol level were significant differences regarding to alcohol subgroups. The genotyping of *XRCC1* showed non-significant association with alcoholism in compared with control group (P 0.629, 0.596), and strong association of *APE1* with alcoholism (p 0.000), The alcohol level according to *XRCC1* genotyping showed that AA has high level of alcohol than AG and GG in non-significant elevation (p 0.966), regarding to *APE1* genotyping non-significant difference elevation in wild type than Mutated type (p 0.196) was observed. The distribution of *XRCC1* genotyping according to alcoholism subgroups showed significant association (p 0.0461), and non- significant association (p 0.0614) of *APE1* distribution. The *XRCC1* genotyping belong to duration of alcohol consumptions showed non-significant association (p 0.371), and non-significant association observed in The *APE1* genotyping (p 0.260). in conclusion; we can conclude that the *XRCC1* genotyping didn't associate with alcoholism and alcohol duration but significant correlated with alcohol level, while the *APE1* was strong associated with alcoholism but didn't associate with alcohol level and duration.

Key words: *XRCC1*, *Arg399Gln* (rs25487), *APE1*, gene polymorphisms alcohol consumption, duration

INTRODUCTION

The DNA repair system is one of the important vital processes to genome maintenance and stability, numerous enzymes involved in the repair of DNA by different pathways, one of these enzymes is a DNA base-excision repair called human X-Ray Repair Cross-Complementing Group 1gene (*XRCC1*), the encoded gene located in the chromosome 19q13 [1]. the Human *XRCC1* is existing in a different isoenzymes according to amino acid substitution that resulted from SNPs in *XRCC1* gene namely *Arg194Trp* (rs1799782), *Arg280His25489*), and *Arg399Gln* (rs25487) [2], the last SNP which formed 399Gln has been shown to be associated with DNA repair capacity reduction, represent by DNA adducts persistence, that lead to different disease and health problems [3-6], on the other hand other isoenzymes *Arg194Trp* and *Arg280His* polymorphisms still under investigation. Varied activities were utilized by the base-excision repair pathway to remove non-bulky base adducts generated by oxidation, methylation and reduction by oxidative damage or ionizing radiation [7,8].

One of the base excision repair enzyme is Apurinic/Apyrimidinic (AP) endonuclease enzyme which encoded by *APE1* gene, it has able to prevent transvers of base that formed by oxidized or reduced bases [9- 11] researchers reported about 18 polymorphisms in *APE1* gene, notably the Asp148Glu polymorphism was well established belong to its role in the DNA repair activity alteration [12]. The rs1130409 polymorphism in *APE1* is the result of T>G, T>C and T>A transition which leads to the substitution of aspartic acid, resulting in loss-of-function of *APE1*, DNA binding and activity of endonuclease, limitation the interaction with other base excision repair proteins and decreased oxidative damage repair [13]. The wild type of this SNP is TT and Mutated type referred to other genotyping.

Alcohol consuming has been found to be generated free radicals like Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) causes cell component damage as well as lipid peroxidation, and acetaldehyde—that lead to DNA damage that can be repaired by the DNA base-excision repair pathway [14].

Substance abuse is Pathological use of a substance leading to significant complication demonstrated by legal, medical or psychosocial problems. Or use the substance in spite of the harmful consequences and it is one of the leading causes of death among the adolescence and young adult. Alcohol abuse is the commonest type of addiction around the world alcohol

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uptake produced acetaldehyde is a highly reactive has able to DNA-damaging [15]. In the Asian population the acetaldehyde detoxification is Impaired that may be associated with alcohol-related cancers [16]. The DNA crosslink repair is used for Cells protection against acetaldehyde-induced damage, the Fanconi Anaemia (FA) is caused by impaired in this cell protection FA is a disease characterized by blood cells production failure and cancer predisposition [17,18]. However, the DNA damage nature stimulates by acetaldehyde and how this is repaired remains under investigations [19].

Current study aims to evolution the Interaction the *XRCCI Arg399Gln* (rs25487) polymorphisms with alcohol consumption and duration in some Iraqi alcohol abuse.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

39 cases of alcohol abuser referred by the judge because of low violation under the effect of alcohol to the forensic laboratory for estimation of alcohol level were included in this study. Alcoholism classified into three subgroups according to alcohol level, included less than 50 mg/dl, 5mg/dl,-100 mg/ dl and more than 100 mg/dl

A cross sectional study was suggested for detecting two DNA repair enzymes in alcoholism in Babylon university, in the current study the *XRCCI* was targeted at the SNP *Arg399Gln* (28152) G>A. and *APEI* rs1130409, the alcoholism samples enrolled in the current study have (age ranged 19-54 years) and twenty nine healthy individuals (age range 20-40 years) as a control group, samples were taken from cases and control according to the ethical approval of ministry of environment and health in Iraq,

All DNA samples were extracted by extraction kit (Favorgen), then the repair genes were detected as a following; the *XRCCI Arg399Gln* (28152) G>A polymorphism was studied by CTTP-PCR at annealing TM 59°C for 30 seconds (15). F1 TCC, CTG, CGC, CGC, TGC, AGT, TTC, T; R1 TGG, CGT, GTG, AGG, CCT, TAC, CTC, C ; F2, TCG, GCG GCT, GCC, CTC, CCA; and R2 AGC, CCT, CTG, TGA, CCT, CCC, AGG C, the 447 bp of G allele (399Arg), 222 of A allele (399Gln) with 630bp common band (19) . And Belong to *APEI* rs1130409 gene the primers were 5'-CCT, ACG, GCA, TAG, GTG, AGA, CC; R1:5'-TCC, TGA, TCA, TGC, TCC, TCC-3'; F2: 5'-TCT, GTT, TCA, TTT, CTA, TAG, GCG, AT; R2: 5'-GTC, AAT, TTC, TTC, ATG, TGC, CA at Tm 60°C (19), the size of the products were (236 bp band for TT wild type and non-amplification product for Mutated type). The electrophoresis was applied with Ethidium Bromide stain utilized agarose gel 1%, 100 V, 20 mA for 40 min.

Data analysis

The results presented as mean \pm SE or SD, and percentage (%), ANOVA one way, independent t test and Odd ratio (CI95%) were used for significant detection at P<0.05.

RESULTS

The current study deal with DNA repair gene *XRCCI* and *APEI* in chronic alcohol consumption, the alcoholism classified into three subgroups according to alcohol level, subgroups included less than 50 mg/ dl, 5mg/dl, 0-100 mg/ dl and more than 100 mg/ dl. Results showed that subgroups has 41.46, 34.14 and 24.

39% respectively. Their age and BMI were non-significant changes (p 0.060, 0.405), duration and alcohol level were significant differences (p 0.041, 0.000) (Table 1).

The genotyping of *XRCCI* showed that non-significant association between *XRCCI* (AG, GG and AA) (P 0.629, 0.596), and significant association of *APEI* with alcoholism (p 0.000) (Table 2).

The *XRCCI* genotyping using CTTP-PCR, and *APEI* genotyping (Figure 1).

The alcohol level according to *XRCCI* genotyping showed that AA has high level of alcohol than AG and GG in non-significant elevation (p 0.966) (Figure 2).

The alcohol level according to *APEI* shows that non-significant difference elevation in wild type than Mutated type (p 0.196) (Figure 3).

The distribution of *XRCCI* genotyping according to alcoholism subgroups showed a significant association (p 0.0461) of genotyping with the level of alcohol, AG was observed in first and third subgroups (64.7%, 55.55%) respectively (Table 3).

The distribution of *APEI* genotyping belong to alcoholism subgroups showed non- significant association (p 0.0614) of genotyping with the level of alcohol (Table 4).

The *XRCCI* genotyping belongs to duration of alcohol consumptions shows non-significant association with duration of alcohol uptake (p 0.371) (Table 5).

The *APEI* genotyping regarding to duration of alcohol consumptions shows non-significant association with duration of alcohol uptake (p 0.260) (Table 6).

DISCUSSION

The present output exhibits that there were different factors impacted in the alcohol concentration in Blood as well as sex, BMI, the type of liqueur if alcohol used with food or drugs, like antihistamines and cimetidine (inhibits gastric alcohol dehydrogenase), phenothiazines, and metoclopramide (stimulating gastric emptying thus absorption elevation) [20]. In the current study the subgroup (<50 mg/ dl) has high percentage of samples in alcoholism, then subgroup (50-100 mg/ dl) and finally (>100 mg/ dl), on the other hand the ages of these subgroups were (29-38 years) with duration of alcohol consumption which about 3 years, this lead to thought that alcoholism is really problems among Iraqi young's cusses harmful effects and health problems, investigations clarified that the alcohol uptake for Long-term is a main risk factor of liver disease and lead to liver cirrhosis and dysfunction which stopped carcinogenic compounds detoxification [21]. Notably, in addition to ROS generating and oxidative redox disturbance, ethanol may affect the nutritional status, immune function, DNA damage, that influences the risks for various cancers [22]. The 7,8-dihydro-8-oxoguanine or 8-oxoguanine, 8-oxo-Gua is a major form of DNA oxidative damage [23], the oxidative DNA damage detection used in elucidating the cancer induction mechanisms by alcohol consumption [24, 25]. The other types of alcohol induction DNA damage is acetaldehyde that cause DNA cross link .

All forms of the DNA damages are repaired by different pathways,

Hodskinson et al found two replication-coupled pathways repair of the acetaldehyde induction lesions by alcohol uptake. The first pathway operates using excision—analogue to the mechanism used to repair the interstrand crosslinks, and the second requires replication fork convergence. The current finding didn't find an association of *XRCC1* with alcoholism in compared with control and this may be because the level ROS in alcoholism in some Iraqi samples didn't change in comparison with control , also the ROS detoxification mechanism may be contributed in ROS trapping like Glutathioe S-Transferase [26]. Another study found that the *XRCC1* polymorphisms have a main role in colorectal cancer risk associated with alcohol consumption [27]. Other researchers suggested that the high alcohol intake may increase colorectal cancer in the individuals have a cooperative action between the

Tab. 1. Mean differences of (age, duration, BMI, Alcohol levels and percentages) of alcoholism subgroups (mean ± SD, ANOVA one way, p less than 0.05)

Subjects	Age (year)	Duration (year)	BMI (Kg/m2)	Alcohol level (mg/ dl)	Percentage %
<50 mg/ dl	29.00±6.70	3.23±1.98	26.23±3.05	47.29±4.17	41.46
50-100 mg/ dl	27.78±9.90	3.50±3.34	27.76±4.21	63.00±6.17	34.14
>100 mg/ dl	36.60±11.67	5.90±2.60	26.07±3.39	142.00±31.43	24.39
P value	0.06	0.041	0.405	0	-

Tab. 2. the *XRCC1* and *APE1* genotyping distribution in alcoholism and control group (odd ratio CI 95%, P less than 0.05, RF references group)

Genotyping	Alcoholism	Control	Odd ratio	Sig
<i>XRCC1</i> (rs25487)				
AG	21 (52.5)	14(48.27)	1.2632 0.4893 to 3.2612	0.6293
GG	14(35)	13(44.82)	1.5476 0.3068 to 7.8067	0.5968
AA	5(12.5)	3(10.34)	RG	
<i>APE1</i> (rs1130409)				
Wild type	87.5	27.28	18.375	0.0001
Mutatedtype	12.5	72.72	5.3097 to 63.5894	

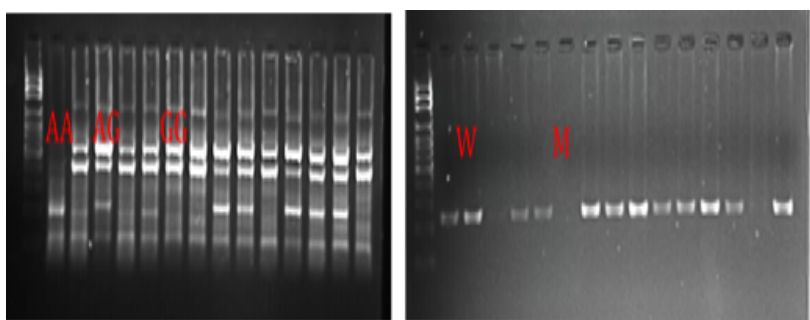


Fig. 1. The *XRCC1* genotyping using CTP-PCR, and *APE1* genotyping, the electrophoresis pattern at 1% agaros, 80 V, for 50 min with ethidium bromide stain, DNA ladder 100-1 kb, for *XRCC1* the PCR products (GG 447 bp, AA 222 bp, AG 447+222 bp and common band 630 bp). For *APE1* wild type 206 bp, Mutated type non-amplification product).

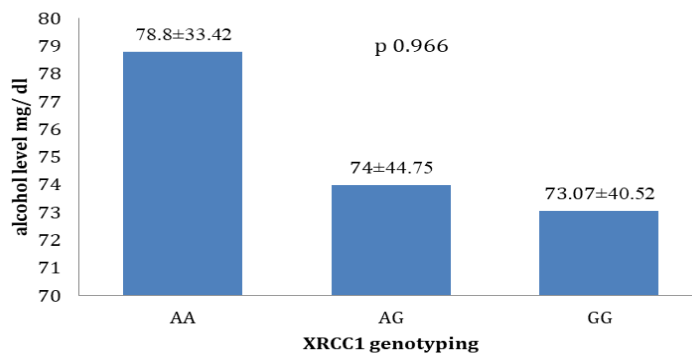


Fig. 2. The alcohol level according to *XRCC1* genotyping (AA, AG and GG (mean ± SD, ANOVA one way, p less than 0.05)

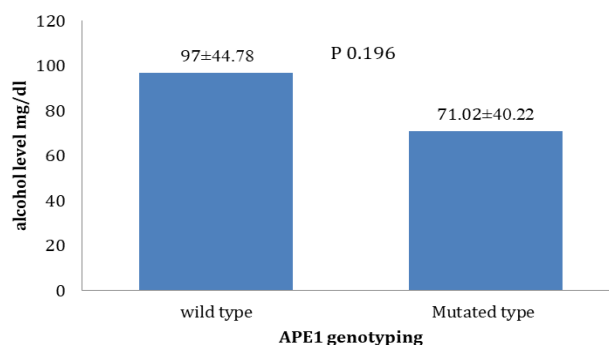


Fig. 3. The alcohol level according to APE 1 genotyping (wild type and Mutated type) (mean ± SD, independent t test , p less than 0.05)

Tab. 3. The *XRCC1* genotyping distribution according to alcoholism subgroups. (X2 test, p less than 0.05)

Alcoholism sub-group	AA%	AG%	GG%	X ²	sig
<50 mg/ dl	5.88	64.7	29.41	9.683	0.0461
50 to 100 mg/ dl	14,28	35.71	50		
>100 mg/ dl	11.11	55.55	33.33		

Tab. 4. the *APE1* genotyping distribution according to alcoholism subgroups. (X2 test, p less than 0.05).

Alcoholism sub-group	Wild type%	Mutated type%	X ²	sig
<50 mg/ dl	42.85	40	5.57983	0.06143
50 to 100 mg/ dl	40	0		
>100 mg/ dl	17.14	6		

Tab. 5. The *XRCC1* genotyping distribution according to duration of alcohol uptake (X2 test, p less than 0.05)

Duration	AA%	AG%	GG%	X ²	sig
<5 years	8	60	32	4.26	0.3718
5-10 years	16.66	25	58.33		
>10 years	0	50	50		

Tab. 6 The *APE1* genotyping distribution according to duration of alcohol uptake (X2 test, p less than 0.05)

Duration	Wild type%	Mutated type%	X ²	sig
<5 years	68.57	40	2.69	0.26
5-10 years	25.71	60		
>10 years	5.71	0		

194Trp allele or the 399Gln allele [28].

There was a significant association between *XRCC1* genotyping and alcoholism subgroups (levels of alcohol), this association refer to affected *XRCC1* genotyping with alcohol level, these findings agree with Yin et al and Songserm et al. [29] that found the individuals with the *XRCC1* 399Gln/Gln genotype have an important role in colorectal cancer risk associated with alcohol consumption. Rossit et al. agree with current finding, that significant association between the 399Gln polymorphism and the risk of liver cirrhosis in older individuals over the age of 45 years of heavy alcohol uptake [30]. In addition, significant interaction was observed between GG genotype of rs25489 polymorphism in *XRCC1* and alcohol drinking to increase the risk of CRC [31]. An allele carriers of rs25487 in *XRCC1* showed interaction with alcohol intake to decrease risk of Colorectal Carcinogenesis but AG genotype of rs25487 interacts with smoking to increase the Colorectal Carcinogenesis risk [32].

There were poor information about the impact of *APE1* genotyping with The alcoholism, the association of *APE1* with alcoholism can be considered as indirect relation, the DNA

damage caused by oxidative stress that increased in alcoholism and *APE1* gene targeting by Free radicals may be clarified this relation, however, Sun et al [33] found the individuals having genotype of *APE1* Asp148Glu TT without the habit of alcohol consumption have a 4.13 times increased risk of benzene poisoning for the alcohol user with the genotype of *APE1*.

The previous studies deal with gene-environment interaction in the disease incidence like alcoholism and smoking habits, the effects of alcohol uptake were varied among the population and its depended on several factors like nutrition, genetic predisposition and gene –environment interaction [34-38].

CONCLUSION

The current findings concluded that the no-association of the *XRCC1 Arg399Gln* (rs25487) genotyping with alcoholism, didn't confirm of *XRCC1* with alcohol levels in drunks, strong association with APE 1 (rs1130409) genotyping with alcoholism and didn't associate with duration and alcohol level. However, we need more investigations about other SNPs relations.

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