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Welcome Letter

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Cell Death Research Society of Turkey (CDRS, HÖAD, Hücre Ölümü Araştırma Derneği) it is a great honor and pleasure to invite you to the 1st International Cell Death Research Congress, which will be held on 04-07 of May 2016 in Izmir, TURKEY.

The congress is scientific refereed. The main topics of the congress will be the focusing on the importance and role of different types of cell death in oxidative stress, immunity, stem cell therapies, genome signatures, therapeutic approaches and polyphenols as anti-cancer agent in diseases.

The congress will feature plenary, key and short lectures besides poster presentations. Our main goal is to gather the scientists from universities, research centers from all over the world and offer to all a great and attractive congress joining different knowledge together on cell death.

A number of the internationally distinguished speakers with the expertise in the fields are invited. They will introduce the cutting-edge research and the future perspectives relevant to the subjects covered in the present meeting. Besides, oral and poster presentations are included for more scientific discussions.

Two years ago, the first congress of the society was international participating and over than 300 researchers from all over world mostly US and Europe including the 46 speakers were attended. Therefore, we are expecting a similar or higher participation on the date of May 2016, which is very nice time of the season in Izmir, Turkey. Congress will be held in Dokuz Eylul University School of Medicine in Izmir - one of the preeminent and biggest universities in Turkey. Izmir region itself, near the Aegean Sea, is famous for its rich culture, history and outstanding scenery.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all researchers and accompanying parties to attend this meeting and to enjoy the rich scientific program and the beauty of Turkey and Turkish hospitality.

In this regard I would like to thank to all speakers, all attendants, the Organizing Committee, all of the supporting Companies and Institutions and especially Executive Board of Turkish Biochemical Society.

Sincerely yours,

Semra Koçtürk

On behalf of the Exucitive Board of
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May 4th 2016, Wednesday

08:30-17:30 Registration

09:00-10:30 Opening Ceremony:
*Semra KOCTURK (President of CDRS-Turkey)
*Pınar TUNCEL (Vice Dean of DEU School of Medicine)
*Murat OZGOREN (Chairman of DEPARC Executive Board)
*Mehmet FUZUN (Rector of DEU)
*Music Recital - REY Quartet, Performed by;
Zeynep Simhe ACUNAZ (Violin)
Ceyda OZDEMIR (Violin)
Iris ICELLIOGLU (Viola)
Berk KAVAK (Violoncello)
*Visual show: AQUA graphs. Lights Written on Water, Presented by Alp CAN

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Opening Lecture
Chair: Mauro PIACENTINI
Role Of RIP Kinases In Regulating Cell Death and Survival In Vitro and In Vivo,
Peter VANDENABEELE (President of ECDO)

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-13:30 Company Presentation - FLUIDIGM:
The Polaris System: Integrating Cell and Molecular Analysis, Gregory GONZALEZ

13:30-15:15 Session 1 : Cellular Mechanisms
Chairs: Peter VANDENABEELE, Devrim GOZUACIK

13:30-14:15 Type 2 Transglutaminase: A Key Regulator Of Proteostasis Under Cellular Stressful Conditions,
Mauro PIACENTINI (Keynote Lecture)

14:15-15:00 Autophagy At The Intersection Between Cell Survival and Cell Death: Roles In Inflammation and
Lysosomal Homeostasis, Vojo DERETIC (Keynote Lecture)

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May 4th 2016, Wednesday

15:00-15:30 Novel Regulators Of Autophagy, Devrim GOZUACIK

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Open Discussion with Editorial Members of Journals
Moderator: Kemal S. Korkmaz
Mauro PIACENTINI
Boris ZHIVOTOVSKY
Francesco CECCONI
Peter VANDANABEELE
Yahya LALELI
Ekrem GUREL

17:00-19:00 Open Discussion Problems, Suggestions for Solutions in Health Research in Turkey
(Session will be held in Turkish)
Moderator: Devrim GOZUACIK
Sevim AYDIN - TÜBİTAK-SBAG Başkanı
Murat OZGOREN - DEPARK Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı
Esra ERDAL - IBG İzmir Müdür Yardımcısı

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May 5th 2016, Thursday

09:00-10:45 Session 2: Oxidative Stress and Cell Death
Chairs: Ferhan SAGIN, Hilal KOCDOR

09:00-09:45 Mitochondrial Substrates: A Tool To Combat Cancer, Boris ZHIVOTOVSKY (Keynote lecture)

09:45-10:15 AMBRA1 Negative Control At The Crossroad Among Autophagy, Cell Proliferation and Cell Death, Francesco CECCONI

10:15-10:45 In Vitro and In Vivo Characterization Of Cell Survival Genes Using Destabilized Cas9, Serif SENTURK

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:15

Oral Presentations

Session-2
Conference Hall
Chair: Semra KOCTURK

OP-1 Bilge Debelec BUTUNER
OP-2 Mehmet Eray ALCIGIR
OP-3 Pinar ERKEKOGLU
OP-4 Ozge CAGLAR

Session-1
Classroom- B (Downstairs)
Chair: Saime BATIREL

OP-1 Mimoune BEREHAB
OP-2 Ozlem ORAL
OP-3 Gulce Sari KAPLAN
OP-4 Ulvi AHMADOV
OP-5 Elgin Turkoz ULUER

12:15-13:30 LUNCH

13:30-15:15 Session 3: Cancer and Cell Death
Chairs: Fahri Saatcioglu, Kemal S. Korkmaz

13:30-14:15 STAMPing Proliferation and Cell Death In Prostate Cancer, Fahri SAATCIOGLU (Keynote Lecture)

14:15-14:45 ETS Transcription Factors - Critical Regulators Of Brain Tumor Initiating Cell Proliferation vs Neurodegeneration?, Isil AKSAN KURNAZ

14:45-15:15 Diminished Cyclin Dependent Kinase Activity and mTOR Are Critical In The Cell Death Decision Through Affecting STAT Signalling Differently In Prostate Cancer Cells, Elif Damla ARISAN

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15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:35 Session 4: Stem Cell, Pluripotency and Cell Death
Chairs: Alp CAN, H. Seda VATANSEVER

15:45-16:15 The Bright and The Dark Sides Of Reprogramming To Pluripotency, Andras NAGY (Keynote Lecture)

16:15-16:45 Stem Cell Therapy Approaches To Ischemic Cardiomyopathy, Alp CAN

16:45-17:15

Oral Presentations

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Conference Hall
Chair: Kemal S. KORKMAZ
OP-1 Betül KARADEMİR
OP-2 Tuna ONAL
OP-3 Aysun EKİNÇİ

Session-4
Classroom- B (Downstairs)
Chair: Gulinnaz ERCAN
OP-1 Feyzan Ozdal KURT
OP-2 Hilal KABADAYI
OP-3 Remziye KENDİRCİ

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09:00-10:45 Session 5 : Polyphenols in Cell Death
Chairs: Bulent OZPOLAT, Semra KOCTURK

09:00-09:45 Targeting Inflammatory and Apoptotic Pathways By Agents Designed By Mother Nature For Prevention and Treatment Of Cancer, Bharat AGGARWAL (Keynote lecture)

09:45-10:15 Molecular Mechanisms Of Flavonoid Quercetin In Enhancing Apoptosis In Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Gian Luigi RUSSO

10:15-10:45 Development Of Novel Targeted Therapies For Solid Tumors, Bulent OZPOLAT

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

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12:15-13:30 LUNCH

13:30-15:15 Session 6 : Immunity and Cell Death
Chairs: Nesrin OZOREN, Ayten NALBANT

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May 6th 2016, Friday

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Conference Hall
Chair: Isil KURNAZ
OP-1 Ayten NALBANT
OP-2 Ferdiye TANER
OP-3 Seminay GULER

Session-7
Classroom- B (Downstairs)
Chair: Tuncay DEMIRYUREK
OP-1 Hatice Mehtap KUTLU
OP-2 Zekiye S. ALTUN
OP-3 Melike OZGUL

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:30 Session 7 : Therapeutic Approaches to Cell Death
Chairs: Haval SHIRWAN, Pinar AKAN

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16:30-17:00 Apoptosis As A Powerful Means Of Immune Modulation For The Treatment Of Type 1 Diabetes, Haval SHIRWAN

17:00-17:30 Abnormal Brain Ganglioside Accumulation Triggers Apoptosis In Early Onset Tay - Sachs Disease Mouse Model, Volkan SEYRANTEPE

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May 7th 2016, Saturday

09:00-17.00 SOCIAL PROGRAMME
EPHESUS TOUR



POSTER ABSTRACTS (PP)

PP-27 MICRORNA376 FAMILY AND CANCER

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Aim: Autophagy, is one of the most well known catabolic processes whose activation can degrade accumulated proteins as well as damaged organelles for maintaining cellular homeostasis. Beside this, autophagy was found to be associated with several abnormalities including cancer and metabolic diseases. In addition, miRNAs have been implicated in several fundamental biological processes including development, differentiation, apoptosis and stem cell maintenance. Moreover, evidence also suggests that miRNAs play a role in cellular transformation and carcinogenesis. Thus, understanding the regulation of autophagic mechanisms through miRNAs might have tremendous importance in the field of cancer. Material and Method Overexpression of MIR376B in MCF-7 cells has been utilized and several mono clone cells picked and cultured under selection condition. For further analysis, mono clones were evaluated by their autophagic capacity via LC3 shift, p62 accumulation and miR-376b target protein status. After the characterization of clones, several growth analyses were performed either short or long term assays in vitro. Clonogenic potential of MIR376B stably overexpressing and control cells were analyzed by their ability to create colonies by colony formation assay. On the other hand, Gamma-H2AX foci analysis and ROS measurement by DCFDA was carried out to identify the DNA damage and oxidative stress, respectively.

Result: As a consequence of autophagy deregulation, accumulation of p62 was observed in miR-376b stable cells. Intriguingly, intracellular ROS level was also increased and accumulation of ROS localized around the mitochondria. In addition to susceptibility of oxidative stress, loss of autophagy makes cells more prone to DNA damage. Although in short term assays, growth attenuation of miR-376b stable cells was observed; in colony formation assay, those cells formed more and bigger colonies.

Conclusion: We identified for the first time that MIR376B as a key miRNA which might has a role in tumorigenesis in breast cancer.

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Key Words: Macroautophagy, mammalian autophagy regulation, microRNA, MIR376B, cancer